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Justin Blah

Amel
Khide

Selina
Peterson

Eric Nagel

Kevin
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Ashley Wood

Rakiah
Hanson

ALISHA Harper

Brittany Sweeney
Chen Smay



Leslie
Kennedy

Lindsay
Officer

Demi Lucine

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Seth
Streetmatter

Kelli Bridges

Phil
Schuch

Nicole
Nagel

Wade
Campbell
Josh
Wireman

Heather
Lyons

Vito Minix
SIF

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Morris

Pete Tychak

Jennifer Whitaker

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Nicole Nagel

Nicole
Martin

Josh

Jana
Wood

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Jellotto

Michelle
Mattocks

Megan Casey

Meaghan Smith

Mike Edwards

Amber
Mattocks

Kenny
Wright

Andy Earnest WE

By-Hand

Brandon Hatfield
"HAT"

BRANDY Putman

Cliff Smith
April Carter

Robin Schmidt

Janya Egge

Christa Goodman

April Carter "Mokey"
Jarod Steffen



Van J. Jimmy "Wanna"

Joe Mikula

David Shubert

Kim Joseph

7/SS

Honey Mac

BRANDON LOCKRIDGE

Scott Walker "Runner"

Josh Onoda

Alan Fries

Ryan

Dave Litch

Mike Thomas

Jimmy Co'breth

It's Coming.... Chaos



2000

*Rensselaer Central High School
1106 E. Grace Street
Rensselaer, IN 47978*

Summer.....

Is a time for
sunbathing,
sleeping in, and
freedom.



*As much as it is a beginning, summer is also an ending.
Summer symbolizes the coming and completion of our
school year.*



Winter.....

Is a time for snowball fights, hot chocolate, and
serenity.



*Daylight hours are brief in winter. Our high school careers are short, and we must
seize every opportunity to enjoy and learn in these years.*





Fall.....



Is a time
for leaf
raking,
bonfires, and
attentiveness.

*Fall is full of changes. As we
progress through our school year, we
experience changes that shape the
people we are.*

Spring.....

Spring is a time for flower
planting, kite flying, and jubi-
lee.

*Spring is a time of growth.
As we near the end of the
school year, our knowledge,
not just from books, should
have increased.*





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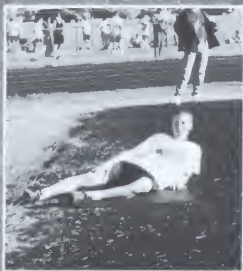




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Thank you so much! You will be missed!

1965 - 2000

Good luck, from the students of RCHS

The End of a Great Day

The 2000 school year ended as many faculty members moved on to new challenges. Among the departures, principals, Mr. David Day and Dr. Thomas Ryan retired from the high school. Mr. Day, a 1957 RCHS graduate, returned to the system in 1963. While in his hometown, he taught high school biology and seventh grade science before becoming the middle school guidance counselor during the 1967-68. Among the other hats worn were those

of assistant principal, athletic director, and principal.

Upon retiring from RCHS, where he occupied one of the front offices since 1980, he said, "Rensselaer Central High School will always be dear to my heart. I truly love the students and staff at R.C.H.S. Thank you, each of you, for allowing me to be a part of the R.C.H.S. family. The community of Rensselaer has been very good for my family and me, and my wish is for many of you to choose to return to Rensselaer and make it part of your life."



Shaking hands

During his many years here, Mr. Day has watched the students of RCHS grow, and has awarded each of them with their diploma on the day of graduation.



Always busy.

Mr. Day and Dr. Ryan greet Michelle Kiger in the library. Did Mr. Day set up Dr. Ryan? You bet, and for a happy birthday surprise.



For three decades, Tom Ryan graced the halls at R.C.H.S. For all but the last two years he managed a classroom full of potential great thinkers. His job was to help his students' minds spinning. Discussion and introspection were the watchwords of his session. Few came back to his room without a chance to be challenged and to challenge. In 1998, Dr. Tom assumed the position of assistant principal and athletic director. While both jobs presented new duties, the good doctor continued to offer his prescription for student success.

In the photo to the left, Mr. Day and Dr. Ryan receive special presents from the class of 2000 officers: a piggy bank full of gold dollars for the principal and a backpack full of Kleenex and toilet paper for the assistant.

The Doctor is Out

Doctor Ryan retires in 2000

Our Tribute to Him

1972-2000



D-Day celebration!

Formerly Mr. Ryan

Mr. Day and Dr. Ryan never lost their sense of humor. Mr. Day smiles for the camera while supervising students during lunch.

The assistant toys with a *Chaos* photographer in his office and where he presided as the Doctor.

Proud but keeping their heads down

Girls Golf Swings Into Action

Leadership was a must for the girls golf team and they got it from the seniors

Lead on!

Senior Megan Casey tees off on number ten at Curtis Creek Country Club to lead her team to a victory. Packing hotter wood than a Brazilian rain forest, Megan became one of the spirited team leaders this year for Coach Rich Stefanich. However, in 1999 she reluctantly bid farewell to Lady Bombergolf when she played her last time at sectional competition in DeMotte.



Seniors take charge

(counter clockwise from left) Krissi Darnaby prepares to hit the golf ball. Shannon Daniels walks to her ball in the fairway. Tristan Snyder prepares to blast the ball out of the sandtrap at Sandy Pines.





Together we stand

Megan Casey looks on as team mate Meeghan Smith tries to sink her birdie putt at Curtis Creek Country Club. These two girls were the team's motivators and captains throughout the year. The two had the lowest nine hole averages on the team.



Up and over

Having her eye on par, veteran senior team member Krissi Damaby lines up a nine iron shot and uses her best effort to loft the ball over the trap and onto the green.



Check it out!

Meeghan Smith looks over her score card after a match.

"How did you finish?"

	Us	Them
McCutcheon	184	201
Werrillville	197	183
Kankakee Valley	201	203
Central Catholic	199	200
Harrison	201	226
South Newton	192	247
Benton Central	192	181
Knox	188	243
West Lafayette	203	206
Harrison	189	203

	Us	Them
Lake Central	199	175
Lowell	201	240
Twin Lakes	201	173
Valparaiso Invite	10th out of 12	
McCutcheon Invite	11th out of 21	
Twin Lakes Invite	12th out of 21	
N.V. Invite	6th out of 16	
Rensselaer Invite	8th out of 18	
Lafayette Invite	13th out of 16	



Dressed in white and ready to fight

Back row (from left to right) Tristan Snyder, Lindsey Jeffries, Conie Karney, Coach Rich Stefanich, Trisha Huhn, Krissy Damaby; (middle row) Ashli Nelson, Alicia Standish, Shannon Daniels, Sarah Bailey, Megan Wood; and (front row) Cassandra Papak, Terrah Smith, Meeghan Smith, Megan Casey, and Michelle Donnelly.

What was the most memorable moment of the season?



Meeghan Smith

"Definitely conference for me. I shot 39 on the first nine; that was my best score all year."



Megan Casey

"I would have to say conference. All of us played really well; it was a great time."



Alicia Standish

"Regionals was the most memorable moment for me because I made it to regionals as a junior."



Practice hard

Meeghan Smith is practicing diligently on her putting skills before a match. The practice will later pay off.

Drive hard
Alicia Standish is teeing off on number ten, where she is on her way to another low score.



What do these four clubs have in common...?



AcademicSuperbowl

The AcademicSuperbowl team led by the fearless science leaders, Mrs. Heather Heinig and Mrs. Deb Price, eat cookies with their names on them, study hard for the competition, and have a good time making faces and goofing off. Team members include from left to right John Quesbarth, Aaron Voss, Seth Streitmatter, Emily Feicht, Dustin Smith, Amanda Gutwein, Kristen Sanders. The team did remarkably well considering only two of the members were returning veterans.



Athletic Trainers

The Athletic trainers, headed up by Ken Hickman, help out fellow trainer Stacy Plett by wrapping her ankle. The purpose of Athletic Trainers is to learn the basic's of being a Physical Therapist. Pictured from left to right in the back are Ray Golder, Todd Tillotta, Kara Tiede, Randy Raff, and Charles Swartzell. In the front from left to right are Ken Hickman, Stacy Plett, Tara Wood, Justin Rodibaugh, Jared Courtney, Michelle Kiger, and Mark Alson.

What was your most memorable experience?



"When we played paper, rocks, scissors to figure out as actors."

Aaron Voss



"Arguing with Kenny about going on a field trip."

Mark Alson



"The time we had our picture taken for Chase on the floor."

Amber
VanBlaircom



"Events at St. Joe with The Mission Impossible."

Brad White

They all have a quest to discover better ways of living.



Fellowship of Christian Students

The members of FCS pose for a picture while having a meeting. The FCS club has Bible study meetings in the morning, does various projects for the community throughout the year, and always does an easter egg hunt for one of the elementary schools. Members from left to right include Amber Luzadder, Amanda Gutwein, Amber VanBlaircom, Aanya Warren, Samantha Hopkins, Kimbre Taylor, Rebekah Hanson, Lindsey Bailey, Kara Kohlhausen, and Danielle Pruett.



Science Olympiad

The Science Olympiad team headed up by Mrs. Deb Price and Mrs. Heather Heinig had an awesome year. The Science Olympiad team prepares for contests by doing various projects and then having them compete against other schools at competitions. A first place finish went to Shannon Lakin and Cassie Papak for their Bioprocess Lab. The team placed 2nd in the Small School Division. Team members include from left to right Emily Feicht, Shannon Lakin, Cassie Papak, Brad White, Chris Thilges, and Mrs. Price.

Menagerie of fun

The electric smiles the club members show off below give evidence of the fun times and the camaraderie they share in activities throughout the year.

ALL WRAPPED UP

Athletic trainer Kyle Johns wraps up fellow RCHS student Lindsay Jeffries after an extensive Advanced P.E. injury.



BREAK TIME

The Science Olympiad team takes a quick break to pose for a picture.



BIBLE STUDY

FCS President Lindsey Bailey and Vice President Amanda Gutwein have a Bible study before school.



STUDYING UP

Carmen Blubaugh studies hard on the theme of Westward Expansion.

WORD PERFECT

FCS spells out their club name on the Library floor, and had a blast while reaching for that perfect pose.



IMPOSING STRENGTH

Ken Hickman, head of athletic trainers, shows all the fellow trainers whose the Boss.



BURNING THE COMPETITION

Science Olympiad members Chris Thilges and Shannon Lakin prepare for an upcoming competition, which they go on to win.



Computer wizard

Athletic Director, Pete Huse, diligently works out a rigorous athletic schedule on his computer.



Today we will be making ...

Mrs. Culp teaches Mrs. Rodibaugh's Nutrition and Wellness class how to prepare a special dish to enjoy.

Draw? what's that?

Students look on enthusiastically as Mrs. Spurgeon shows her students how to create a masterpiece.

Let's get ready to party!

Mrs. Spurgeon and Mrs. Weling pass out party glasses and hats to fire up the 8th man club participants.



Mr. David D. Day
Principal



Dr. Tom Ryan
Assistant Principal



Mr. Pete Huse
Athletic Director



Mr. Jim Earnest
Guidance Counselor



Mrs. Kim Howat
Guidance Counselor

We, the people, of the
administration, in order
to form a more
perfect office ...



Mrs. Leila Klemme
Secretary



Mrs. Norita Schultz
Secretary



Mrs. Meta Waling
School Nurse



Mrs. Lynn Kiger
Secretary



Mr. Tom Landrum
Band



Mrs. Sharon Urbano
Choir



Mrs. Kelley Spurgeon
Art



Mrs. Luetta Nussbaum
Health Occupations



Mrs. Teri Rodibaugh
Family Consumer Sciences

Bringing color to the students' mundane schedule



Triple D and the Big Doc R.

Mr. Day and Dr. Ryan congratulate Ashli Nelson on being inducted into the National Honor Society.

Hey! What's my B/P?

Mrs. Nussbaum reviews student schedules at the hospital.

Computer wizardess

Mrs. Howat works on permanent records. The guidance office works hard to meet all student needs and to give them the opportunity to choose what classes they desire.

Hey, Mr. Tambourine Man play a song for me ...

Mr. Landrum keeps time to keep the band together with the result being beautiful music.



HALL OF FAME

Biggest Flirts.....	Sarah Bailey, Brandon Lockridge
Most Spirited.....	Sara Cummings, Ryan Standish
Best Eyes.....	Shannon Daniels, Chris Schekel
Best Smile.....	Meeghan Smith, Chris Peck
Funniest.....	Morgan Keiper, Ryan Standish
Most Theatrical.....	Megan Casey, Mark Brouwer
Cutest Couple.....	Sara Cummings, Kevin Zacher
Procrastinators.....	Kim McDellan, Kyle Nagel
Most Athletic.....	Kara Tiede, Chris Yenna
Stoppiest.....	Krissi Darnaby, Dennis Luchene
Most Artistic.....	Anna Poppen, Pat Williams
Most Musical.....	Danielle Pruett, Andy Earnest
Best Dancers.....	Morgan Keiper, Tim Yenna
Most Likely to Succeed.....	Erin Kosta, Adam Alson
Best Laugh.....	Meeghan Smith, Ryan Stanley
Most Original.....	Kari Jean Mitchell, Adam Zacek
Friendliest.....	Courtney Tillotta, Brandon Hatfield
Biggest Rebels.....	Janah Marlatt, Kenny Wright
Biggest Gossip.....	Brittany Sweeney, Jared Courtney
Cleanest.....	Amber Luzadder, Kyle Kohlhnagen
Best Hair.....	Rebekah Hansen, Ryan Stanley
Best Dressed.....	Sarah Bailey, Mike Osterfield
Bookworms.....	Jamie Pucka, Adam Alson
Likely to be Rich.....	Megan Casey, Brett Kosanovich
Quietest.....	Ashley Wood, Seth Streitmatter
Class Clown.....	Jeremy Culbreth
Nicest Rear View.....	Kara Tiede, Kevin Gillespie
Happiest.....	Lindsey Jeffries, Mark Brouwer
Teachers' Pets.....	Candice Wilkerson, Kyle Kohlhnagen









Mike Aichner

My goals are to make it through the mannes, go to college, and become a photographer for National Geographics or a become a self-employed photographer



Adam Alison

After graduating high school, I plan to go to college and graduate school or pursue a career.



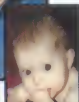
Josh Anselm

I plan to be a good medicine. Semper Parati Do or Die!!



Rayne Arnett

After graduating high school, I plan to get a job in child day care.



Amber Saggerly

I plan on attending college to become an occupational therapist.



Sarah Bailey

I plan on attending Ball State University majoring in fashion merchandising and modeling in reality.



Andy Blasky

I plan to attend Purdue University and major in veterinary medicine.



Kelli Bridges

My goal is to go to college majoring in accounting and marketing. I would also like to be an accountant or work in the marketing/communications fields.



Mark Brouwer

I plan on attending college and earning my teaching license in mathematics.



Allan Burns

I plan to go to UTI for auto-body repair, and eventually work for BMW and Lexus. I also plan to have a family.



Heather Byers

I plan to go to OIP&T for photography, and eventually open my own studio in Rensselaer.



Wade Campbell

I plan to be very successful in life and find a good paying job that will support my lifestyle.





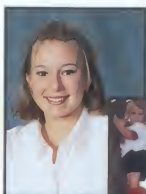
Nicole Cannon

I plan to live a long and prosperous life.



April Carr

I plan to go to college, and become an elementary teacher, and also start my own daycare in Ohio.



Megan Casey

I plan to attend DePauw University and major in political science or elementary education.



Brandon Connley

I plan to attend college and start my own business.



Jared Courtney

I want to play college baseball and major in either athletic training or education.



Cristal Cox

I plan to be a pre-school teacher.



Jeremy Culbreth

I plan to be a pilot for lifetime.



Sara Cummings

I hope to make it through college, become a teacher, raise a family, and not get in a wreck with Jarod Steffen riding in my passenger seat!



Kyle Curtis

My goal is to shoot a Boone Order buck and Pope N' Young buck.



Brad Daniels

I plan to go to UTI in Texas.



Shannon Daniels

I plan to be a vet technologist in a zoo.



Krissi Darnaby

I plan on going to a four year college in New York and major in fashion merchandising and design.





Justin Davis

I plan to make my car a lowrider, get a good job, and buy a house.



Brian Delaney

In the future, I plan to stay out of jail.



Alexandra Diaz

I want to major in economics and work at the Bank of Mexico.



Dera Connelly

I plan to go to college and get a degree in law enforcement and psychology.



Julie Drescher

I plan to go to Lafayette Beauty Academy to major in cosmetology.



Andy Earnest

My future goals are to do something in music. I'm not sure exactly what I will do in music, as long as it's fun!



Mike Edwards

I plan to get married and have a family.



Cassie Frazee

I plan to attend IUPUI in Indianapolis. I hope to graduate with a degree in either landscaping or as an environmentalist, so I can help keep our earth a cleaner place.



Melissa Gilbert

I plan to go to California and go to college for physical therapy. I also hope to be happy in life.



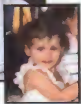
Kevin Gillespie

I want to finish high school strong, and have the most fun I can. Next fall, I plan on attending Purdue University to major in agricultural engineering.



Christie Goodman

My goal is to marry my boyfriend and best friend, Mike Gott. I want to live out west on a ranch raising cattle and barrel horses, and ride in the IPRA rodeo circuit.



Jody Gref

I plan on attending Purdue University to major in food science. I will be successful and find happiness.





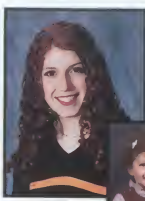
Jon Hale

I plan to graduate from a prestigious university with a degree in criminal justice. I plan to be a law enforcement officer in a nice location.



Brian Hannon

I want to get lots of women and lots of money.



Rebekah Hansen

My future goal is to do whatever God's will for my life is.



Josh Mardin

I plan to go to the air force.



Sarah Mardin

My future goals are to become a physical therapist and eventually have a family.



Alisha Harper

I plan on attending college to become a nurse. I hope to meet one of the few nice guys in this world and get married one day.



Brandon Hatfield

I plan to be successful in whatever I do and to spread compassion everywhere.



Nathan Hornbeck

I plan to get custody of my son and to keep my job at White Castle.



Nicole Howell

I plan on attending Purdue University and becoming a famous journalist.



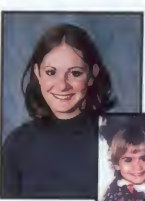
Trisha Nuhn

I plan on attending IUPUI to major in dental hygiene.



Tanya Iggo

I plan on attending Indiana State University majoring in accounting and minorng in law.



Lindsey Jeffries

I plan on attending Butler University to pursue a career in pharmacy.





Debbie Jennings

My goal is to honor God with everything I do, and to always have the mind-set of furthering God's kingdom. DOG SAUCE!



Kim Joseph

My goals are to become very rich and successful and to pursue a career in psychology.



Justin Kinnery

My goals are to work for the city for my dad, to make a living, and raise a family.



Morgan Keper

I plan to attend Purdue University and become a radiologist.



Leslie Kennedy

I plan to attend the University of Southern Indiana and major in dental hygiene. I also plan to have a house in Michigan along the lake.



Kyle Kohlhaugen

I plan to attend Purdue University, double-majoring in Agricultural Education and Agronomy.



Kara Tiede

After graduation I plan to attend Purdue University to major in exercise and fitness.



Brett Kusanovich

I plan on going to Butler and majoring in marketing. I would like to be involved in sports marketing as my future career.



Erin Kosta

I plan to attend Purdue University majoring in pre-veterinary medicine. I hope to be an equine veterinarian.



Lon Lane

I plan to be a Registered Nurse.



Brandon Lockridge

I plan to join a union and work construction, after graduating high school.



Justin Lowry

I plan to get a job after high school and stay involved in the community.





Dennis Luchene

I plan to attend Ball State University and major in education.



Amber Luzzader

I plan on attending Butler University and double-majoring in social psychology and secondary English education.



Darin Lynch

I want to be an astronaut



Heather Lyons

I want to go to Ball State University majoring in secondary education. I want to teach Spanish.



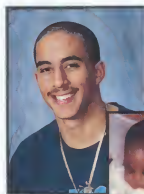
Neeth Malone

I plan to farm and make a lot of money, while keeping my car faster than any Mustang.



Jahna Marlett

I plan to never see Rensselaer ever again in my life. I would also like to kick Jarod Steffen in the head several times.



Honey Martin

In my future I'm going to be rich, really rich, and really famous. Peace



Nycole Martin

My future goals include graduating from college and becoming a pre-school teacher.



Stacy Martin

I plan to graduate from nursing school and never have kids.



Amber Matlocks

My goal is to have a successful career in teaching and have a loving family.



Michelle Matlocks

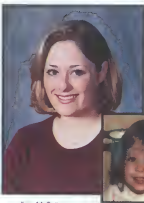
I hope to attend college and graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Biology.



Tracy McCarty

My future goal is to become an RN and go into home health care.





Kim McDaniel

I plan on attending Ball State and majoring in pre-elementary education.



Kevin McNamara

My future goals are to have a family and be a successful correctional officer. Show them what's up!



Jen Mikula

I plan to attend IBC in Fort Wayne. Within two years I will have a Bachelors Degree and hope to achieve a Masters Degree in business management.



Vito Minz

After high school I plan to work construction.



Jamie Minz

After high school, I would like to become a veterinarian.



Kari-Jean Mitchell

I want to marry Ryan Stanley because he will never go bald.



Beth Morris

My goal is to graduate from college and become a successful business woman.



Mike Morrison

After graduation, I plan to be a Combat Marine.



Eric Nagel

I plan to study Broadcast Communications at Marquette University. After graduation I want to be a sports broadcaster for ABC or CBS.



Kyle Nagel

I will attend Purdue to study building and construction technology. I hope to be a project manager for a major company.



Nicole Nagel

I plan to have a lot of money and a lot of happiness.



Cassie Norington

I plan to graduate from St. Joe College with a major in elementary education and a minor in children's counseling. I then plan to start a family.





Mike Osterfeld

I plan to become a successful businessman and lead a happy life.



Chris Peck

I plan to attend ISU and major either Business Management, Physical Education, or Tech Education.



Selena Peterson

I plan to study nursing at Vincennes University



Matt Pizer

I plan on attending Vincennes University and major in law enforcement, and get degree in broadcasting. I hope to one day be an Indianapolis or Chicago police officer.



Anna Poppen

I hope to live a satisfying life, have fun, and travel.



Carmelle Pruett

I plan to go to St. Joseph's college and major in education



Jamie Puckis

I plan to go to college and become a medical professional to better the community.



Brandy Putman

In the future I plan to provide my own child care facility. I want to go to college and do something that deals with younger kids.



Kirsten Putt

I plan to attend St. Joseph's College to major in early childhood education.



Ian Quarry

I plan on going to West Virginia Wesleyan College to major in graphic design. One day I hope to graphics for movies.



Amanda Robins

I would like to be performance artist.



Bryan Rodabaugh

I simply wish to be happy in life.





Maria Rodriguez

My future goal is to finish college and have the career I've always wanted, Registered Nurse.



Luke Seyers

My future plans include an educational career in CAD drafting and building construction.



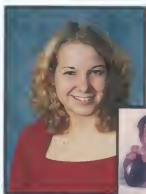
Sarah Suyler

My future goal is to become an architect and live in a city



Chris Scheckel

I plan on having a prosperous career in the United States Marine Corps.



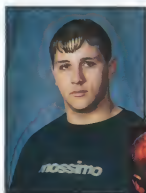
Robin Schriedt

I plan to lead a positive life and lead everyone to happiness



Jason Schultz

I hope to have a blast in college and the rest of my life. Nothing else matters.



Josh Scott

I plan to be bodyguard/cop and pursue an Associate's Degree in criminal law.



David Stanley

I plan on taking business courses at a tech college and opening an excavating company.



Amy Shide

My future goals are to teach preschool/kinder-garten aged children and to assist the deaf and blind children in these age groups.



Tom Siebert

I plan to get through a tech school and to have my own business some day



Chris Smith

I plan to take a year off and then go to college.



Kresy Smith

I plan to go to U of I and own every leopard and tiger thing in the world.





I will attend Indiana University and major in either biology or chemistry. Eventually, I will become an orthodontist and live near Atlanta, Georgia!

Meeghan Smith



I want to go to Washington to work with Congress.

Tristen Snyder



After high school, I plan to be a fashion designer.

Amanda St. John



I plan to attend Indiana University and major in education.

Ryan Standish



At this point I'm undecided but one thing I do know is I don't want to go bald. Also before I forget I want to marry Kan-Jean because she is so cute!

Ryan Stanley



I plan to graduate from Purdue University with a degree in advertising, and maybe later in life come back to Rensselaer and run a jewelry store.

Jared Steffen



If I graduate ... then I may receive other education and ... [for] survival. I would like to make good decisions and reap the benefits ... I may have inclinations yet essentially, I am ignorant of this matter.

Seth Strottmatter



Future plans: landscape design and Purdue University.

Charlie Swartzell



I plan on attending college in Florida and major in marine biology.

Brittany Sweeney



I hope to own a bar and dance club.

Christine Teske



I plan on attending U of I to major in social work because I like to help people.

Courtney Tilotte



I'm going to attend a four-year college to major in business management.

Todd Tilotte



Peter Tyshak

After high school, I plan to work construction.



Scott Walker



After graduating high school, I will probably farm.



Jennifer Whitaker

My first goal is to pursue a job as an elementary teacher. After that I want to get married and start a family!!



Candice Wilkerson

I plan to attend Purdue University and major in juvenile corrections.



Patrick Williams

I plan to live positively, make art, teach young artists and spend my days with the one I love.



Jill Wierfang

My dream is to become a veterinarian. After completing my schooling I hope to move to a rural community where I would have my own veterinary office.



Josh Wireman

After graduating, I plan to get a good job, get married, and start a family.



Annie Wood

I am going to be an elementary teacher. I would also like to do some work with the environment, and live happily ever after.



Ashley Wood

I hope to attend F.S.U. to become an elementary teacher.



Tara Wood

I plan on attending college and becoming an architect.



Kerry Wright

I plan to move away from this town and go to the military. I hope to live in Florida.



Kristy Wright

My goal is to become a paramedic or something else in the medical field.





Chris Yenna



My goals are to be a Chippendale Dancer and to judge poultry.



Tim Yenna



I want to be all in can be and keep a good sense of humor, maybe be a comedian, but most of all I'm going to be a mechanic. I want to marry Miss America.



Ray Yenna



My future goals are to highly succeed in life, have my own business, and to have a loving family.



Adam Zacher



My goal is to get the original Guns N' Roses line up to play one last show, in which I will get to blow the whistle on "Paradise City". If this doesn't work out, I wouldn't mind writing and directing.



Kevin Zacher



I plan to go to Purdue, graduate, and get a Bachelor's degree in education.



The RCMS social set

After priming themselves to attract the very best males the middle school had to offer, these six lovelies pose with the surfin' beach gear props. Enjoying "Christmas at the Beach" sitting in the back from the left are Kim McClellan, Tristan Snyder, Nycole Martin, Beth Morris, Courtney Tillotta, and Sarah Saylor.

Ballet or Just Miniature Bozos?

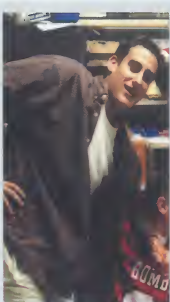
Past, present, and future clowns and debutantes (from left) Rebekah Hansen, Morgan Keiper, and Megan Casey shake their tiny toes in front of the courthouse.



Cub Sprouts

Poised and ready for bear are (from left) Ian Query, Eric Nagel, Andy Earnest, and Matt Pizer.

Juniors at work Meeghan Smith and Matt Pizer study during free time in Mass Comm.



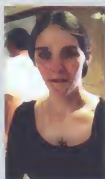
Seniors in action

Clockwise from top left: Sara Cummings "enjoys" weights in p.e.; Jarod Steffen plays the hunchback; Eric Nagel cools off at a football game, while Rebekah Hansen and Debbie Jennings contemplate life and its consequences.



Seniors continued ...

Photos in the center of the page are Ryan Standish, the Class of 2000 Fun Fest team (back: Chris Scheckel, Brett Kosanovich, Pat Williams, Todd Tillotta, Kyle Nagel, Eric Nagel, and front: Tara Wood, Kara Tiede, Meeghan Smith, Erin Kosta, Tenya Igoo, and Jennifer Whitaker).



Bottom 1/3 of the page (from top left) a gaggle of senior girls; BTV gurus Adam Zacek, Pat Williams & Megan Casey; Kevin Gillespie; Brandon Lockridge; Kyle Nagel; and Cassie Frazee.

More of '00

Helping hands

Ashley Wood and Mrs. Pam Saylor work at improving computer skills.



A trio of dedicated students [Chris Smith, Rayne Arnett, and Chris Yenna] get a little help from a friend, Mrs. Debbie Hannon.

Mrs. Rosie Virok lends Michelle Mattocks a hand so that the senior's Advanced Biology grade is an A+.



Matt Pizer works with Mrs. JoAnn Skinner.



Mrs. Diane Wagner and Eric Ricker are all smiles as Mr. Gates snaps a quick picture.



Mrs. Susie Hamer points out some valuable information to Nicole Nagel and Tim Yenna.



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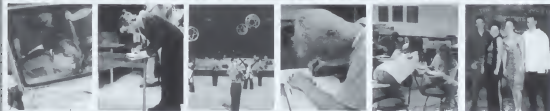
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BlockScheduling



Take Five

Kelli Bridges took a break to tell us that she liked block scheduling after she got used to it.



Math is fun

Chris Wilcox "I like it because I don't have to do my homework that night." Spoken like a true highschooler.



The pressure

Tyler Fleming says, "I like it because ... I have to go." Awww come on, he could have elaborated.



I have no response

When we asked Millie Waling how she felt about block scheduling she responded "No comment."



The man behind it

Mr. Earnest played a major part in the school's decision for block scheduling. He said it was a three year process and that the school was ready for a change. The school made the final decision last fall.

Block scheduling was an idea that was driven by teachers and supported by Mr. Day. This year was block scheduling's trial year, but chances are good it will be continued next year. Here we show you opinions of students and teachers. How do you feel about block scheduling?





Say cheeseballs

Candice Wilkerson, Jahna Marlatt, and Mike Gross have mixed feelings about block scheduling and remain objective

A team effort

Mass Communications newspaper and yearbook staff appreciate block scheduling because they have more time for work.



Co-Chair for block scheduling

Mr. Stefanich was also a major contributor to block scheduling. He went to all the school board meetings with Mr. Earnest and took part in the group decision to make block scheduling a part of this school.

Three's Company

Nicole Howell, Bethany Strietmatter, and Kelli Bridges all agree that block scheduling has its advantages.

To them, the major plus was because they had more time to eat oatmeal cream pies, while they worked on the yearbook and newspaper, of course.

The Last Homecoming Before the Millennium for the Rensselaer Bomber Fans!



Kyle McCallan & Jared Steffen



Morgan Keiper & Adam Alson



Lindsay Jeffries & Kevin Gilespie



Sarah Bailey & Brett Kosanovich

1999 Homecoming Queen Courtney Tillotta



Courtney and her escort, Ryan Stanley, wait for the homecoming queen announcement.



Courtney Tillotta is excited to hear her name called as the 1999-2000 homecoming queen.



After crowned queen Courtney is hoisted by bugs from the other candidates.

A Night of Wild Fun

*The 1999 Homecoming activities and game were a big success.
Laughter and smiles permeated the crisp, fall night.*

**Way to go,
Mr. Brandenburg**
RCHS Congratulates
Mr. Brandenburg for
being named Grand
Marshall of the parade.



**Watch out
Ryan Standish,
Chris Peck,
and the rest of
the team come
charging onto
the field ready
for a victory.**



Bomber pride

Kara Tiede shows her spirit for the Bombers at the Homecoming Game.



Super Fans

Seniors Sara Cummings and Erin Kosta know who the number one team is!

Bodies movin'

Ashley Brenneman, Danielle McGuire, and Cassie Smith are all smiles as they show off their dance moves!



Bomber safari

The sophomore float is the last winner of the millennium for the Homecoming Parade.



On the way to victory

Doug Hannon and the rest of the team show their excitement while they're killing the Kougars.

Reaching goals

Boys Cross the Country

Bombarding Bombers

(counter clockwise from left) Nick Earnest, a first year freshman, heads straight to the finish. John Walters moves along the same path. Elliot Zimmer tries for a great ending to this meet.



That's hardly an exaggeration about the great season this year.

Z's but not asleep

The men's cross country team shows off its strengths as three Zimmers, Bill, the coach of the boys' and girls' teams; Elliot, junior son of Bill; and freshman Adam (nephew/cousin) add points and encouragement to the total effort. The cross country team showed great improvement in 1999 and worked together showing Bomber pride and exceptional spirit. The season was fun for all of the runners and for their fans.





D.Kaye

Brad Kaye breathes heavy and runs hard to finish and score points.



John heads homeward

Walters fiercely tries to stay ahead of the competition



Freshman Finishes with the pack

Freshman Jacob Taulman had a great season. The bigger school and more miles to cover in a race proved to be a challenge to the rookie runner, but he adjusted well and he proved it with his usual third placings. After watching the upperclass leaders, Jacob learned some techniques that he will employ in future races.



Zimmer says it all:

"We have had a fun and successful year. The sectional was a great accomplishment for the boys."

How is running at the high school different from running at the middle school?



Jacob Taulman

"This year at the high school has been very hard. We have had to run a lot more, but overall it has been fun."



Nick Earnest

"Cross Country was better this year, because I really liked the coach and the team was supportive to me."



Adam Zimmer

"The competition was harder in the high school and the running was longer and harder, and I needed bigger shoes."

Team	Result
Hanover Central	L
West Central/ Pioneer	L
Lowell/Santon Central	L
Harrison Invite	11th
Twin Lakes/N. Newton	2nd
RCHS Invite	2nd
Tri-County/S. Newton	2nd
New Prairie Invite	7th
KV/WJ/Winamac	4th
Jefferson Invite	11th
RCHS Conference	3rd
Laf. Central Catholic	L
Sectional	3rd
Regional at McDutcheon	8th
Semi-State @ New Prairie	7th

Running Raber

Kevin Raber's facial expressions show his determination to win against North Newton opponents.



The spirited boys cross country team

Back row (from left to right) Adam Zimmer, John Walters, Kevin Raber, Elliot Zimmer, and Coach Bill Zimmer; and front row (from left to right) Matt Schenk, Tommy Vigeant, Brad Kaye, Jacob Taulman, and Nick Earnest.



Zimmer's Got It All

Adam Zimmer is making a good attempt at a strong finish with long strides and his head high. He was a major part of the '99 team's success.



CCLadies

Zimmer's Faithful Followers

Seeing each other twice a day makes the girls cross country team like a family.



Tough stuff
(clockwise from top left) Keely McIlwain keeps her pace during a victorious race. Rookie Danielle McGuire made improvements during the season. Senior Cassie Frazee takes a breather after a tough race.



Kougars schmoogars

The ladies cross country team took the second sectional title ever (photo right) for the long distance runners at Rensselaer Central. They beat Kankakee Valley by nine points to receive the championship title.

(Front row from left) Danielle McGuire, Cassie Frazee, Tanya Igoe, and Christina Jacobson; (back row from left) Jeanna Pitstick, Kelly Lane, Janell Nagel, Eva Gutwein, Keely McIlwain, and Coach Bill Zimmer.





Staying together

Kelly Lane, Danielle McGuire, and Tanya Igoe follow the wise advice of Coach Bill Zimmer and stick closely together throughout the race. The end result should ensure higher finishes and a better overall score.



Social stretching

Cassie Frazee, Danielle McGuire and Keely McIlwain share a hearty laugh while preparing for a sectional title at their home course. The limbering routine calms and settles the runners both physically and mentally.



Worn Out!

Sophomore speedstars Danielle McGuire and Eva Gutwein mug for the camera after a tiring and extremely satisfying cross country run at the Rensselaer Central course.



ZIZIZIZIZI!

When thinking of running, what usually comes to most people's minds is a scary, bearded man generally known as Coach Zimmer. This leader motivated the girls to countless wins with his enthusiasm.

Girls'

	Us	Them
Hanover	18	38
Savit Invite	1st of 9	
West Central	34	67
Pioneer	34	30
Benton Central	28	27
Harrison Invite	7th of 12	
Twin Lakes	27	47
North Newton	27	52
Rensselaer Inv	2nd of 11	
Tri-County	21	43

Scoreboard

	Us	Them
N. Prairie Invite	2nd of 31	
Kankakee Valley	21	55
North Judson	21	82
Winamac	21	86
Jeff Invite	4th of 17	
Conference	2nd of 5	
Cent. Cath	26	30
Sectionals	Champions	
Regionals	3rd of 20	
Semi-State	14th of 25	



Tye-dyed Bomber pride, who could ask for more?

Back row (from left to right) Jeanna Pitstick, Janell Nagel, Tanya Igoe, Keely McIlwain, Coach Bill Zimmer; and front row (from left to right) Kelly Lane, Cassie Frazee, Christina Jacobson, Danielle McGuire, and Eva Gutwein.

What is your most memorable moment of this season?



Keely McIlwain

"I'll always remember Mr. Zimmer's cheers."



Tanya Igoe

"Winning Sectionals my senior year was probably the best moment of the year."



Janell Nagel

"Kelly and Cassie's spitting contest is the funniest thing I can remember."



Chuggin' to the finish line

Sophomore speed-demon Eva Gutwein eyeballs the competition and makes her move against Twin Lakes.

Leading the pack

Cassie Frazee is a long time cross country member and continued to show spirit as a senior leader.



Huddle Up

The team gathers to give high fives after their fifteen to five win in the second game.



Here You Go

Ashley Hayworth passes the ball while Alina Mathew stands by to set up for the kill.



Let's Get Them!!

In the photo above, sophomore Brooke Hewitt returns a powerful serve from the opposing team, while sophomores Ashley Hayworth and Kate Hofmeyer prepare themselves mentally and wait for the next barrage of streaking white masses.

To the right, Kate Hofmeyer excercises her cat-like moves and gets off the ground to spike the ball. The quartet of Hesson, Hayworth, Hewitt, and freshman Alicia Streitmatter cover while getting ready for the point as a result of Kate's powerful initial hit.



J/V Volleyball

Central Catholic	W	Logansport	W
Madison	L	Shenandoah	L
South Newton	W	West Lafayette	L
Boone Grove	W	Lewis Cass Invite	W
Harrison	L	Central Catholic	W
Acres	W	Dixie	W
Crown Point	L	Lewis Cass	L
Twin Lakes	W	SV	W
West Lafayette	L	North Jackson	L
Deale	L	North Newton	W
Frontier	W	Shenandoah	W
West Central	W	Winamac	W
Harbor Central	L	Lovell	L
Tin County	W	North White	L
Twin Lakes Invite	L	North White (NW Invite)	L
Teddy Valley	L	Frontier (NW Invite)	W



J/V Netters are all Set

Back row (from left to right) Alina Mathew, Bethany Streitmatter, Coach Linda Kauffman, Piper O'Brien, Alicia Streitmatter. Front row (from left to right) Carmen Blubaugh, Missy Seely, Kate Hofmeyer, Shyla Hesson, Samaah Marlin.

Things the team liked to do before the match.

Passing With Alicia!

Alicia Streitmatter bumps one of the opponent's serves, while Carmen Blubaugh watches while her teammate gets the ball to safety.



Piper- "Eat and Relax."

Carmen- To get pumped by singing

Shyla- "Feed our faces, hang out,

snaps."

and talk about the game."

Missy- "I love to get the team

Alina- "Hang out with the team."

psyched by talking gibberish and going

Samaah- "Getting worked up is

crazy."

the huddle."

Ashley- "Raising everyone's team

spirit and enthusiasm."

Volleyball Talk



"The volleyball season was very fun and was a good experience. I thought it was a very good year for us and I was proud of the team."

-Natalie Ames-

"It was a lot of fun and I learned from each game that we played. I thought that it was really a great time and I hope that we all stick with our volleyball careers."

-Cassie Frampton-



Please Go Over

Concentrating on the high flying volleyball, Piper O'Brien prepares to serve the game winning final point.



Let's See What You Have

Sophomore Kate Hofmeyer shows her vertical ability to jump as she heads skyward to block a spike from the Logansport Bernies.



Frosh Just Gettin Started

Back row (from left to right) Coach Zoe Ann Chemowsky, Caylyn Kraud, Sarah DeWees, Diane Parker, Toni Parker. Front row (from left to right) Vanessa Lowry, Breann Scheurich, Natalie Ames, Cassie Frampton, and Heather Brantner.

Frosh Volleyball

Hebron	L	Tri-County	W
Harrison	W	Bishop Neill	W
Crown Point	W	Wheller	L
Twin Lakes	W	Lake Central	W
Lowell	W	North Judson	L
Delphi	L	Knox	L
North Newton	L	North Newton	L
Winamac	W	Lafayette Jeff	W
Kankakee Valley	W	Benton Central	L
North White	L	Clinton Prairie	L
West Central	L	McCutcheon	W
Hanover Central	W		

Together Always

A Record Breaking Season

Destroying the old volleyball record, the succesful Lady Bombers were victorious in 1999.

Hit one for a victory
(counter clockwise from left)
Kara Tiede prepares to hit one
over for her team.
Randi Raff serves up a great
ace.
Tara Burman bumps to help
her teammates win.



The Team Is Together Al- ways

The girls volleyball squad rallies together after a great play. Starting from the player on the left, Tara Wood, Michelle Kiger, Tara Burman, Randi Raff, Kara Tiede, and Michelle Mattocks rejoice after another job well done. Supporting each other was their way of bonding and cheering each other on, so that the next play would equal or even exceed the last.





Raff Sets Up

Randi Raff sets up to receive a volley from the opposing team. She worked hard all year and was always ready.



Go ahead, spike my day

Michelle Kiger, Michelle Mattocks, Kara Tiede, and Erin Kosta position themselves for anything that the competition wants to send over the net.



Football players double as fans

Many football players come over to the gym after practice to help support the Lady Bombers in their quest for excellence.



Leadership

Seniors from left to right: Michelle Mattocks, Kara Tiede, JV Coach Linda Kaufman, Tara Wood, and (in front) Erin Kosta.

Varsity

	Us	Them
Central Catholic	2	0
Hebron	2	1
South Newton	2	0
Boone Grove	2	1
Nouts	2	0
Crown Point	2	0
Delphi	2	1
West Lafayette	2	0
Twin Lakes	2	1
Benton Central	2	0
Frontier	2	0
Lewis Cass	1	2
North Judson	1	2
Wash. Twp.	2	0

Scores

	Us	Them
River Forest	2	0
Hobart	2	0
Morgan Twp.	2	0
North Newton	2	0
Winamac	2	0
Lowell	2	0
North White	2	0
Frontier	2	1
North White	3	0
W. Central	2	0
Manover Central	1	2
Tri-County	2	0
North White	2	0
North Judson	2	0



1999 Varsity Team

Back row (left to right) Coach Derek Klute, Abby Canaday, Erin Kosta, Michelle Kiger, Michelle Mattocks, Alina Mathew, Coach Linda Kaufman, and Coach Zoeann Chernosky; and front row (left to right) Tara Burman, Kara Tiede, Tara Wood, and Randi Raff.

*How do you feel about the season?
Any outlooks for next year?*



Kara Tiede

"We had the closest team this year, and we really worked together. That's why we did so well."



Michelle Kiger

"I am so proud of the team this year. We worked so well together, and we were successful."



Randi Raff

"We all love volleyball and will miss the seniors. I feel good about our performance and am looking forward to next year."



Coach and His Team

Coach Klute congregates with some of his team to discuss what went wrong or what they did right.

A Helping Hand

Randi Raff bumps one for her teammate, while Erin Kosta is ready for help if needed.



What makes those special teams sooo special?

The J.V. special teams kicks off to open another brilliant day of hitting, bruises, and pain; all of which make for a great game.



SCORE!

(Clockwise from top left) Robbie Sipkema rumbles through a weakened Winamac defense. Brett Sanders scampers for a first down against the Kankakee Valley Kougars. Lying down on the job again?

This Bomber takes a little break as his teammates hold off their men. Running back Patrick Shanley struggles for yardage against two K.V. defenders.



That's using your head!

Don't worry, take two of these and call me in the morning.



"The Freshmen team gave 110% this year, unfortunately we ran up against some sophomores and juniors, but this will help them prepare for their varsity years."

-Coach Matt Stevens

	Us	Them
Lowell	22	20
Wheeler	24	20
K.V.	16	0
North Judson	0	12
Twin Lakes	8	12
Rochester	8	19



The 1999 Freshman Team

Back row (from left to right) Coach Stevens, J. Timberlake, R. Mays, S. Lanoue, T. Yoder, S. Luesse, R. Bretzinger, R. Ratcliff, and Coach Clay Webb; (middle row) R. Marlin, S. Wilcox, B. White, S. Rusher, N. Ametz, C. Claussen, B. Kupke, B. Wollenberg, and P. Henady; (front row) C. Hammond, R. Sinclair, B. Sanders, M. Joseph, D. DeMoss, K. Shide, N. Ansler, P. Shanley, and A. McKim. Not pictured: S. Meyers, P. Meyers, B. Douglas, and C. Hoefner.

SMMMAACK!!!!!!!!!!!!

A Wheeler receiver is sandwiched by Steves (Rusher at the bottom and Mayers on the top), while the rest of the freshman defense prowls the field for Bearcat blood.



What 4 words describe the season?



"Aol, somebody else" was the reply as he claimed to be... "not good with quotes."

-Clint Hoeferlin

"A sophomore on the J.V. team, summed up the year in his definition of three words: 'Better than last year.'"

-Ben DeWees



Stretch it out good boys

The junior varsity football team stretches and preps for a game. The J.V. team finished a strong six and two for the 1999 season. In the South Newton, North Judson, and Carroll games, the J.V. was joined by the freshman squad. In these three games the opponents were held to a minimum of six points, proving that the combined freshman and J.V. are lethal. Both teams show promise for the future.

Top 4 things yelled before a game

Freshman

1. Play 4 quarters
3. Beat Jays
2. Hit 'em hard
1. Bomber- Pride
Bomber- Pride
Bomber- Pride

J.V.

4. Get serious
3. WIN
2. Bomber- Pride
Bomber- Pride
Bomber- Pride
1. Baker



Run Tommy run!

Runningback Tom Allegrini lunges for extra Bomber yardage while being pursued by a team of tacklers.

	Us	Them
South Newton	33	0
LaPorte	13	21
Winamac	37	28
Benton Central	7	14
North Judson	27	6
North Newton	26	0
Carroll	47	0
Twin Lakes	34	24



Coach Jeff Phillips

This Bomber hides his gentle side behind a mass of yelling. Certainly many officials would disagree.

Get the job done!

Bombers Crack Down

*The 1999 varsity team won both the respect of their fans and
the coveted cracker barrel.*

Tackle! Score!

Bomber football seniors Kyle Nagel (33) and Bryan Rodibaugh (9) worked diligently together to take a South Newton Rebel football player to the ground, thus preventing a touchdown by the opposing team. The Bombers beat the pants off the Rebels in overtime to start out with a perfect record for the 1999 season.



Cheer on the Bombers

The team was all spirit when they won the game against the Twin Lakes "Twinkies." Chris Peck watches the game from the sidelines after putting in a great first quarter.





The 12th Man Pit

Bomber fans showed their spirit during the 1999 season in a new and exciting way. Not only did they celebrate the certain victory to come that night by having a tailgate party, but they also spent loads of time on the signs they held at the game. School spirit was at an all time high this year as the RCHS students appear in the picture above.



Coach Meeks

"I am very proud of what our football team accomplished this year. Our goals this year were to play hard and have fun. We felt like we had a successful season and have a lot to look forward to next year."

Varsity Scores 1999 Season

	Us	Them
South Newton	8	7
Twin Lakes	14	12
North Newton	41	6
N.V.	7	0
North Judson	47	33
West Lafayette	0	37
Delphi	7	21
Cent. Catholic	14	42
Santon Central	20	7



Varsity team

Back row (from left to right) Coach Sam Cox, Coach Chris Meeks, Jon Hale, Brandon Lockridge, Ryan Standish, Doug Hannon, Zak Zimmer, Haney Marlin, Ben DeWees, Josh Carr, Josh Golder, Brandon Pellegrino, Daron Lynch, Coach Brian Zacher; (middle) John Blue, Brett Koebcke, Mike Morrison, Charlie Swartzell, Brian Hannon, Kevin Zacher, Eric Nagel, Ray Golder, Brandon Howard, Robbie Sipkema, Josh Scott, Mike Greene; and front row (from left to right) Candace Wilkenson, Seth Baer, Jeremy Freeman, Chris Yerna, Jesse Kennedy, Rudy Taulman, Markus Davis, Chris Peck, Dennis Luchene, Justin Virok, Tom Allegrini, Nolan Hitchcock, and Sudhir Gaud.



Look at that nice rearview

The fierce Bombers get ready to butt heads against the purring Kougars at the 1999 Homecoming Game. Kankakee Valley lost the game that night, and the cracker barrel returned to RCHS after six years of loss.

What was the high point of your season?



Kyle Nagel

"I loved beating Kankakee Valley at Homecoming and finally regaining the Cracker Barrel."



Eric Nagel

"...the first two weeks of the season, beating South Newton in overtime, and then knocking off Twin Lakes who was ranked at the time."



Bryan Rodibaugh

"The most memorable moment was when we went for two and beat South Newton in overtime to start the season off 1-0."



Get pumped

The team was so pumped at their first game that they literally broke the sign holder. Luckily, no cheerleaders were hurt.

Teamwork

During each game the players on the bench stood and cheered on their teammates just as Joe Del Principe is doing.



Nice Try Bombers

Boys Tennis Loves Improvement

Struggling Bombers were held up by senior leader Adam Alson and brother Mark who brought continuous victories.

Tennis Action

(counter clockwise from left)
Joe Luchene returns the
opponent's shot. Adam Alson
serves up the ball. Kevin
Gillespie gets ready to return
the serve.



Taking Care of "Biness"

Tennis ace Justin Holbrook valiantly attempts to return his opponent's shot, while wary senior Brett Kosanovich backs him up with grit and determination. Brett and Justin played number two doubles most of the year and were the most successful on the team. The dynamic duo struggled the whole year but continued to improve to help this young RCHS sports team gain a foothold on its competition..





Relaxing After a Hard Day

Wes Matlocks, Kevin Gillespie, Jarod Steffen, and Adam Alson rest after a tough match at Rensselaer. During the season Adam played number one singles, Wes played number three singles, while Kevin and Jarod played number one doubles.



Senior Leadership

Seniors Kevin Gillespie and Jarod Steffen are set to return a weak shot. These two seniors went to sectionals where they played number one doubles. However, they lost in close sets to Plymouth.



In The End

Wes Matlocks is looking confused after a bad call at Rensselaer.

JV

	Us	Them
Twin Lakes	0	5
Lowell	2	3
Highland	0	5
Twin Lakes	1	5
North Judson	5	0
Kankakee Valley	4	0
West Lafayette	1	4
Delphi	1	4
Harrison	3	2
Kankakee Valley	2	1
Lebanon	0	5
Elwood	5	0
Benton Central	4	1

Varsity

	Us	Them
Benton Central	1	4
Twin Lakes	0	5
North Judson	3	2
Crawfordsville Invite		6th
Kankakee Valley	4	1
West Lafayette	0	5
LaPorte	0	5
West Lafayette	0	5
Delphi	2	5
Harrison	0	5
Kankakee Valley	2	3
Lebanon	1	4
Mt. Vernon	2	3
Benton Central	1	4
Plymouth	1	4

What was your most memorable moment this year?



Mark Alson

"When we beat KV and North Judson, our only two wins on the year."



Brett Kosanovich

"When we took care of 'biners' and produced our only two wins."



Coach Watson

"The first day of practice when they didn't think I knew what I was doing."



A Whole Team Effort

Back row (from left to right) Manager Stacy Platt, Chris Wilcox, Wes Matlocks, Adam Alson, Jarod Steffen, Corey Spurgeon, Coach Earnest Watson; and front row (from left to right) Joe Luchene, Colin Riley, Chad Nagel, Ryan Anderson, and Mark Alson.



Playing in the Rain

Jarod Steffen returns the serve while playing Benton Central on a rainy day. The 1999 season was Jarod's on varsity boys tennis.



Catching His Breath

Chris Wilcox bends over trying to catch his breath after a hard fought point at Rensselaer.

FFA Faculty Breakfast



Breakfast is served!

The RCHS faculty enjoyed another scrumptious breakfast served by the FFA members. The menu for the faculty was coffee, sausage, and pancakes. The faculty enjoyed the annual breakfast, they were being waited on by the members of the FFA.



Serving it up

Kyle and Kara Kohlhagen, sibling members of FFA are both helping with the faculty breakfast. Kyle is deciding on which color to use on a poster to announce the faculty breakfast. Kara is ready to serve coffee and juice for the teachers.

FFA Members tell their favorite times from this year



"FFA was awesome we went to several places, State and national convention."

Robert Linback



"FFA was fun we got to travel and meet a lot of new people."

Stephanie Goodman



"FFA is fun there was a lot of activities I was in."

Matt Lovely



"The best part of FFA this year was when we got to eat ice cream"

Sarah Gaines

FFA Members & Officers



FFA members

Bottom to top: Kara Kohlhagen, Sarah Gaines, Stacy Herre, Scott Walker, Doug DeMoss, Kenny Fralry, Jason Kent, Kira Schultz, Julie Bierman, Josh Lape, Josh Timberlake, Chns Peterson, Erika Peck. Bottom to top Jeanna Pitstick, Natalie Ames, Sarah DeWees, Nick Ames, Jason Wheeler, Matt Tyche, Justin Nesius, Ray Yeoman, Ben DeWees, Pete Tyche, Kevin Shide, Adam Monrreal, Adam Waibel. Bottom to point to bottom Matt Lovely, Michelle Matlocks, Christa Goodman, Robin Schmidt, Mr. Ron Wemley, Kyle Kohlhagen, Stephanie Goodman, Danny Gennetto, Mr. Brad Kohlhagen, Kevin Zacher, Justin Rodibaugh, Kevin Gillespie, Leslie Kennedy, Robert Linback, Josh Wireman, Jody Graf, Nicole Goodman.



FFA Officers

Back row (from left to right): Ben DeWees, Matt Lovely, Kendal Kosta; and front row (from left to right) Nicole Goodman, Jeanna Pitstick, and Kara Kohlhagen.

These are the officers for the 2000-2001 school year. To become an officer requires dedication and hard work.

FFA FACES

The FFA activities were a success during the 1999-2000 again with hard working dedicated members. FFA worked hard in their many competitions and proved to be triumphant.

Digging for gold?

Robin Schneidt is judging soil, Kyle Kohlhagen is observing soil to be analyzed.



Just an act
Kyle Kohlhagen is introducing the next act at the FFA skit, a performance to give a brief overview of what FFA is all about.



8 seconds

Justin Nesius is better roping goats when he is off his bucking bronco. Here he gets the rope around the neck the elementary kids stand amazed.



Digging Deep

Robin Schneidt, Mr. Ron Wamsley, and Kyle Kohlhagen are testing soil at one of their annual soil judging events.

Aw, how cute

Matt Lovely is holding a cute little chick at the annual petting zoo put on by the Rensselaer FFA chapter.



Preparing for contest

Jeanna Pitstick and Stephanie Goodman are diligently studying for the upcoming soil judging event.

RCHS at Louisville, KY

Kevin Shide, Kenny Fraley, Nicole Goodman, Jody Graf, Jill Wiltfang, Adam Mornical, and Robin Schneidt pose at the 1999 FFA Convention.



Building a better tomorrow



VICA

Members of VICA for the 1999-2000 school year pose with the truck they built: (back row from left to right) Mr. Walt Brown, Scott Walker, Jason Dobson, Reed Schultz; and front row (from left to right) David Peterson, Brandon Conley, Robert Linbeck, Brad Daniels, Tim Yenna, and Austin Foresta.



SADD

The 1999-2000 members of SADD include (back row from left to right) Matt Pizer, Colin Riley, Brad Kaye, Eva Gutwein, Elliot Zimmer, Nycole Martin, Ehren Stuff; middle row (from left to right) Amber Luzadder, Courtney Tillotta, Amy Shide, Debbie Jennings, Rebekah Hansen, Michelle Mattocks, Tristan Snyder; front row (from left to right) Krissy Smith, Amber Mattocks, Jen Whitaker, Meeghan Smith, Sarah Bailey, Sarah Saylor.

Why
is this club
important
to you?



"We will use the same skills in the future, but it's fun now."

Tim Yenna



"...we are concerned with issues in our school"

Sarah Bailey



"It showed me that people are there for me that want to help me be happy."

Nicole Howell



"Spending time with friends while we succeed in competition."

Dustin Smith

More than words can say (or spell)



Pioneers

Back row (from left to right) Mr. Sam Cox, Maria Rodriguez, Roy Rodriguez, Jeremy Freeman, Nicole Howell, Kyle Nagel, Doug Hannon, Justin Virok, Patrick Biggs, James Kupke; and (front row from left to right) Bethany Streitmatter, Tara Burman, Meeghan Smith, Brittany Sweeney, Morgan Keiper, Kendra Fraley, and Carrie Campbell.



Spellbowl

The spellbowl team for the 1999-2000 school year includes (back row from left to right) Kristin Stath, Annie Bretzinger, Suzanne LeGrande, LaDawn Black, Cassie Papack; and (front row from left to right) Shannon Lakin, Emily Feicht, Dustin Smith, and Coach Deborah Price.

A mixed batch

What do VICA, SADD, Pioneerz, and Spellbowl have in common? Well, your guess is as good as ours, but they are all composed of dedicated students from RCHS.

What is this word?

In the photo below Shannon Lakin searches wenderously through the dictionary to find a questionable word.

On the move

In the photo below Spell Bowl members Dustin Smith and Emily Feight are searching for their spelling words.



What a dirty job

David Peterson does his part painting the VICA truck in the picture above.



Preparing for contest

(left) Spellbowl members brush up on their skills for their next contest.

Over time

(below) Brad Daniels focuses on some work in relation to the VICA club.



Teamwork

VICA members proudly display their finished product.



Workin' hard

Tim Yenna pauses momentarily for a picture while diligently working on the VICA truck.

Students take academics to a whole new level



The Deca group smiles

In the photo directly above, sponsor Aimee Schmetzer plans the next DECA strategy for an upcoming winning performance. In the center photo Deca members join for a group shot: (from left to right) Jarod Steffen, Holly Duley, Robin Schneidt, Kelli Bridges, Tanya Igoe, Sara Cummings, Ashli Nelson, Michelle Kiger, Megan Wood, Laura Brown, Brandon Scheckel, and Justin Virok.



National Honor Society

First row (from left to right): Tristan Snyder, Jodi Graf, Meeghan Smith, Megan Casey, and Beth Morris; (second row from left) Michelle Mattocks, Lindsey Jeffries, Erin Kosta, Kelli Bridges, Kevin Gillespie, and Bryan Rodibaugh; third row: Mr. Tim Mathews, Seth Streitmatter, Kyle Kohlhaugen, Nycole Martin, Eric Nagel, Adam Alson, Mark Brouwer, and Andy Blasky

Head hanchos of the biz



**Sarah
Bailey**

Top 10 at state
for Deca



**Brett
Kosanovich**

Top 10 at state
for Deca



**Mark
Brouwer**

President of NHS



**Meeghan
Smith**

Sold cookies at
games

Building trades students all grouped up



A few hard workers

The morning class is shown in the picture above: (standing from left to right) Wes Martin, Nick Ames, Brian Hannon, Jon Hale, and Dave Shanley; and (sitting from left to right) Pete Tycek, Chris Yenna, and Joe Luchene. These boys worked hard all year to build a house on Sparling Avenue and were proud of their accomplishments.



The Knucklebusters

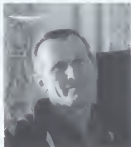
The afternoon class breaks for a quick snapshot: (standing from left to right) Luke Sayers, Brandon Conley, Ray Yeoman, Josh Hardin, Scott Walker, and Vito Minix; and (sitting from left to right) Dave Peterson, Markus Davis, Austin Foresta, and Josh Clouse. This group of young men also spent a lot of time working on the house too.

Clubs in action

This layout consists of the accomplishments and endeavors that each of the following clubs endured throughout the year: Deca, NHS, and Building Trades.

Proud Carpenter

In the photo below building trades instructor Dave Goodman takes time out of his busy day to pose for a quick picture.



Varnish those doors

Wade Campbell and Kyle Hesson work tediously to beautify this closet door.



We are the Champions

Members of DECA gather to show off the awards they won at district and/or state.

Starting from the front are Kelli Bridges, Megan Wood, Michelle Kiger, Robin Schneidt, Sarah Bailey, Stacey Plett, Brett Kosanovich, Jarod Steffen.



The deal on Honor Society

Pictured to the left is Mr. Mathews, the sponsor for the National Honor Society.

Work, work, work!

In the photo below Megan Wood, Stacy Plett, Laura Brown, and Sara Cummings work on their projects for DECA. The whole club spent long, hard hours preparing for contests.



Welcome to the neighborhood:

The building trades students worked hard to build the ranch style home above. During 1999-2000, the building trades students came up two months ahead of schedule due to a mild winter.



Look out 2000!

Seniors 2001 enter the National Honor Society.

Bomber Brigade '99



Seniors: Andy Earnest, Missy Gilbert, Nicole Howell, Jamie Minix, Jon Nolen, Mike Osterfeld, Travis Owsley, Dannielle Pruett, Ian Querry, Jason Schultz & Ashley Wood. Juniors: LaDawn Black, Krista Canine, Brandie Chamberlain, Emily Feicht, Ray Golder, Casey Herrmannson, Courtney Lakin, Shannon Lakin, Jessica Mercer, Leesa Murphy, Angela Owsley, Amber Platz, Brandy Putman, Trista Querry, Matt Schenk, John Stalbaum, Abby Thiel, Sara Wakeland, John Walter, Cortny Woodruff, & Zak Zimmer. Sophomores: Melanie Allis, Mike Asbell, Amy Bardoci, Carmen Blubaugh, Amanda Butler, Rhi Hartwell, James Kupke, Aaron Lomax, Todd Luddington, Sheena Murphy, Darshana Patel, Kayla Peterson, John Quasebarth, Missy Seely, Dallas St. John, Nathan Stone, Kimbre Taylor, Aaron Voss, & Rachel Wireman. Freshmen: Rachel Acuncius, Brandy Bannister, Camille Blubaugh, Robbie Butler, Chad Claussen, Lance Crownover, Jessie Davenport, Kim Deno, Nick Earnest, Danny Ganetto, Sarah Harwood, Clayton Henady, Philip Henady, Brandi Holt, Josh Lape, Ryan Mays, Ashley Messer, Paul Meyers, Abby Miller, Darlene Minard, Elise Querry, Landon Saylor, Erin Schmiedel, Kaia Snyder, Crystal Thomas, Amber Turner, Kelly Turner, Brad White, Stephen Wilcox, Todd Yoder, & Austin Zeilmann



RCHS Colorguard '99

From the top: Melanie Allis, Rachel Wireman, Amanda Butler, & Sara Wakeland, and (bottom) Dannielle Pruett, Nicole Howell, Amanda Robbins, & Jamie Minix.



Jazz Band

From the top: Mr. Tom Landrum, Landon Saylor, Paul Meyers, Ryan Mays, Missy Gilbert, Mike Osterfeld, & Clayton Henady; (middle) Philip Henady, Jason Schultz, Melanie Allis, Erin Schmiedel, & Sarah Harwood; (bottom) Crystal Thomas, Aaron Lomax, Amber Luzadder, & Cortny Woodruff, and (on the floor) Jon Nolen, & Andy Earnest.

A Band Members Top

5

Favorite

Things

5. Fidgeting
4. The guard's balls
3. Naked Time
2. Spaghettios
1. Spoon!



Senior's Last Note

"What was your most memorable moment in band?"



"I'll never forget Warden Jordan, the success we didn't get to have and all the pointers we had as the Florida top."

- Nicole Howell



"Playing drumset for the last home basketball game is what I'll remember."

- Andy Earnest



"It's got to be marching in the Gator Bowl. We marched over a bridge where you can see the water beneath us, and everyone was tripping and couldn't play. It was horrible!"

- Missy Gilbert



Eyes with pride!

To the left guard members Jamie Minix, Sara Wakeland, Trista Query, and Amanda Robbins pick up the pace with their "Mars" flags. Below, first year drum majors Casey Hermanson and Cortny Woodruff salute the judges before competition at Maconaquah High School. At the right Cortny also supports the boys basketball team with the rest of the Pep Band at a competitive Saturday night basketball game!



Taking it easy

In the photo below, Kristi Canine and Ryan Mays take a break from a football game before they perform at halftime. To the right, Krissy Smith strikes a pose with her Hoberman's Sphere, a new eye catching prop for the colorguard.



Spit out your gum!

Mr. Landrum directs the band during first hour red days. To the left, Carmen Blubaugh plays her oboe and flute/piccolo player Rachel Wireman joins in the melody.



Horns up!

Kayla Peterson, Aaron Voss, and other brass players gather into their cluster for the end of "Venus: Bringer of Peace." The 1999 Bomber show was taken from "The Planets" and also included "Mars: Bringer of War," and "Jupiter: Bringer of Jolity."



Detail to the ready!

The Bombers relax just moments before taking the field at their first marching competition. The band is led onto the field by drum majors Casey Hermanson and Cortny Woodruff. To the left, the colorguard and drumline come to attention led by first year guard member Amanda Butler and senior drumline leader Travis Owsley.



The Price is Right

Mrs. Price advises her students and answers their questions about the structure of plants. Mrs. Price teaches freshman science and chemistry.

Science is fun

At least that's what Mrs. Heinig was trying to prove as she demonstrated an experiment for the class. Mrs.

Heinig teaches chemistry, physics, and Advanced Chemistry.

Leading technology

Mr. Brandenburg supervises his AP Biology class while they are preparing a lab report. Mr. Brandenburg also teaches academic biology.

"Now class"

Mr. Zimmer is explaining the fundamentals of science while using gestures to spark some interest. Mr. Zimmer teaches Earth Space Science.



And now,
why the
world turns



Mr. Steve Brandenburg
Science



Mrs. Heather Heinig
Science



Mrs. Deborah Price
Science



Mr. Bill Zimmer
Science



Mrs. Jill Henady
Math



Mrs. Marian Morazy
Math



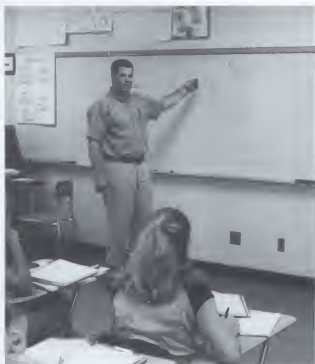
Mr. Scott Micklo
Math



Mr. Matt Stevens
Math

$$2+2*3-8/$$

$$4=1?$$



Ten hut!

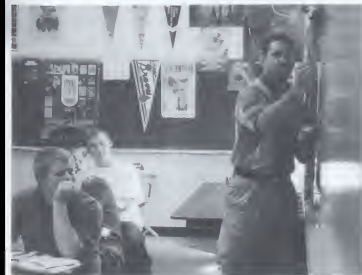
Mr. Stevens teaches the Algebra class algebraic equations and the class is actually paying attention and taking notes! Mr. Stevens also teaches geometry.

Circle Up

Mrs. Henady's class gathers around her while she teaches them Algebra 2 in hopes of bettering their minds and hoping they'll remember what they learned the next time she sees them. Mrs. Henady also teaches pre calculus and is in charge of the Chesterton Math Competition team, where the students were successful in utilizing their math skills.

Hey Micklo

The students watch the camera as Mr. Micklo attempts to teach the amazing world of math and how to ignore any disruptions that may occur. Mr. Micklo teaches Algebra 2, Pre Calculus, and Algebra.



Smile for the camera!

Megan Wood gives the camera man, Mr. Oates, a smile during the homecoming game. The crowd was all pumped up for the big game against K.V. We won the game.

Cheering for the home team

Juniors Alicia Standish, Kara Kosta, Samantha Hopkins, Jamie VanHouten, and Tara Burman watch as the Bombers beat KV.



TOP 5 Favorite Movies of All Time

And movie quotes, too!

#1 • Dirty Dancing

"I carried a watermelon."

BabyHauseman

#2 • Matrix

"Dodge that!"

Trinity

#3 • Pretty Woman

"Aw Honey, I've got a rose in my party hose, ha, I'm not wearing any..."

Vivian

#4 • She's All That

"Here's a cappuccino, not for Taylor."

Taylor

#5 • Grease

"Grease lightning!"

Danny

Favorite Quotes



Lindsey Bailey

"And there will be one less on this boat if you don't shut that hole in your face."

Guard on Titanic

Samantha Hopkins

"You stay alone. No matter what! I will find you!"

Daniel Day Lewis,
Last of the Mohicans



ErhenStuff

"These too lazy and comfortable to think for themselves and need their own judges obey the laws; others cease their own laws within them."

HermanHusse



Here I am, stuck in the middle with you.

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*Class of
2001*



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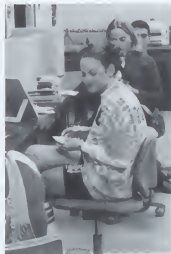
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TREASURER



Juniors in Action

(Clockwise from left) **Feeling the love.** Brad Kaye and Mike Greene get a little bit cozy while taping a BomberVision show. **Think, think, think.** Kaye Rodibaugh closes her eyes for one moment to think without having school come to mind. **Buddies for life.** Danelle Nagel and Alicia Standish show off their best friend skills by smiling for the camera during a break from studying. **And the band goes marching on!** Flautests Trista Querry and Kristi Canine have a nice practice for band.





Juniors Juniors *Juniors*

Mark Alson
Nicholas E Ames
Katherine I Bailey
Lindsey M Bailey
Amber Barden



Wayne Bausman
Eleanor R Black
LaDawn Black
Clarissa Bower
Adam M Brantner



Ruthann Bretzinger
Garrett A Brock
Laura A Brown
Tara L Burman
Brandee Cain



Abigail M Canaday
Kristi E Canine
Relisa Carr
Graham T Carroll
Brandie L Chamberlain



Mercedes Clark
Joshua Clouse
Jennifer N Cook
Kristy N Cotner
Markus L Davis



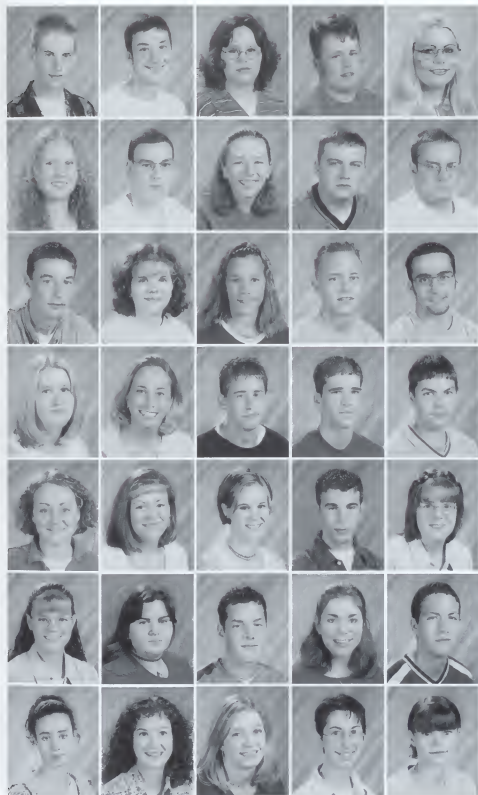
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Amanda L DeWees
Karnae N Dickson
Adrienne M Doege
Holly M Duley



Stephen T Dumas
Emily T Feicht
Daniel R Floyd
Bradley A Furst
Chasity L Geesa



Juniors Juniors Juniors



Raymond M Golder
Michael D Greene
Amber D Gross
Michael A Gross
Tracie Gross

Amanda L Gutwein
Doug C Hannon
Casey J Hermanson
Kyle E Hesson
Nolan M Hitchcock

Justin W Holbrook
Samantha Hopkins
Christina M Jacobson
Kyle J Johns
Joshua C Jones

Samantha J Joseph
Corie J Kanney
Bradley R Kaye
Jesse M Kennedy
Jason A Kent

Michelle L Kiger
Kara Kosta
Amy B Lakin
Brian Lakin
Courtney A Lakin

Shannon Lakin
Suzanne M LeGrand
Matthew A Lovely
Alina Lucas
Wesley K Mattocks

Tiffany Maxwell
Jessica L Mercer
Allison E Moore
Tina R Murillo
Leesa A Murphy



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Danelle Nagel
Ashli M Nelson
Eric E Nystrom
Angela M Owsley
Chad Peart



Lesley A Peterson
Sarah L Platt
Jamie L Pippin
Amber D Platt
Stacy L Plett



Elizabeth M Primeau
Trista Query
Randi L Raff
Colin Riley
Serenity J Roberts



Justin Rodibaugh
Katherine S Rodibaugh
Kristen L Sanders
Brandon L Scheckel
Matthew T Schenk



Dustin O Smith
Gavra N Spence
Cory M Spurgeon
John E Stalbaum
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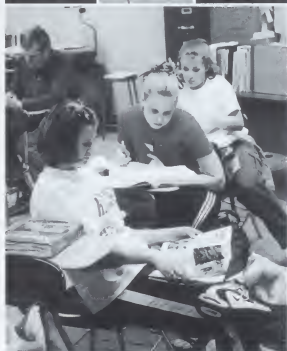
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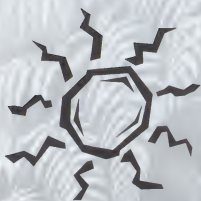
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Sara Wakeland
John J Walter
Aanya A Warran
Blake L Weiss

Jason R Wheeler
David A Wiener
Christopher D Wilcox
Megan E Wood
Cortny L Woodruff

Evan C Woodworth
Ashley G Zeilmann
Elliott J Zimmer
Isaac T Zimmer



(Clockwise from top left)
Study, Study, Study.
Amy Lakin, Gavra Spence,
and Tara Burman continuously during school.
Cory Squared
Cory Spurgeon and Corie
Kanne discuss their
assignment together.
ArtistTo Be
Randi Raff diligently
carves her block in art.
Computer Wizard
Ryan Tanis works intently
on his computer applica-
tion assignment.



Sunshine 1999



The senior class representatives are pictured to the right, as follows: Morgan Keiper, Erin Kosta, Tim Yenne, Andy Earnest, and Rebekah Hansen.



Instead of a normal basketball court, Sunshine dancers felt that they got Jungle Fever when they came through the entrance as pictured to the far left.

To the left are the junior class candidates: Tara Burman, Kaye Rodibaugh, Megan Wood, Jessica Mercer and Nicole Goodman.

To the right are the sophomores candidates for Sunshine Princess: Danielle McGuire, Katie Hofmeyer, Eva Gutwein, Ashley Hayworth, and Shyla Hesson.



Some of the people who helped make the Sunshine Dance a wonderful night are, in the front row from the left, Brandie Chamberlain, Andy Earnest, Rebekah Hansen, Robin Schneidt, Kelli Bridges, Jody Graf, and Relissa Carr.



To the left are the freshmen class candidates: Piper O'Brien, Janell Nagel, Jill Clouse, Sarah DeWees, and Natalie Ames.



In the second row are Sarah Gaines, Elise Query, Sarah Harwood, Erica Peck, Amber Turner, and Amber Van Blaircom.



Jungle Fever: Catch It!

The 1999 Sunshine Dance brought out the wild animal in all of those who dared venture into the night.

All Dolled Up!

Corie Kanney, Shannon Daniels, Krissi Darnaby, and Abby Canaday stop to pose before entering the "Jungle."



Taking A Break

Beth McElroy and Amber Barden take time out from decorating.

All Smiles

To the right, Mr. and Mrs. Swartzell take a breather from chaperoning.



The King and His Court

Sunshine King Tim Yenna and his Prince, Andy Earnest, pose with underclass princesses, Natalie Ames, Eva Gutwein, and Jessica Mercer.



Me Jane, You Tarzan.

Justin Holbrook and Elliott Zimmer have a little bit of fun at the Sunshine dance

Peekaboo!

Jody Graf, Nicole Howell, and Robin Schneidt peek through the scenery, while helping with the decorations



Jazzed up and Ready to Dance

Mr. Feagans and his wife pose for a picture at the dance. They almost pass as students, but their identifications show otherwise.

Here You Go

Mr. Meeks helps Laura Brown blow up yet another balloon for the big dance. It took a long time, and lots of hot air. Is Mr. Meeks the expert?

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Winter....

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Go R. C. Teams

*A look at some of
the great athletes
at Rensselaer
Central*

Smash it!

Brad Kays gets ready to
smash the tennis ball.

There he goes!

Ray Golder soars in the
pole vault event with
great ease and incredi-
ble power.

Dive! Dive! Dive!

John Waters gets ready
to slice through the
water to win a victory
in boys swimming.

Go for the dunk

Tommy Allison looks
as if he could dunk
maybe next year!

Home-run Jody

Jody Graf tries for a
home-run for varsity girls
softball.

Get that ball

Senior Meghan Smith
takes a powerful swing
at the tennis ball.





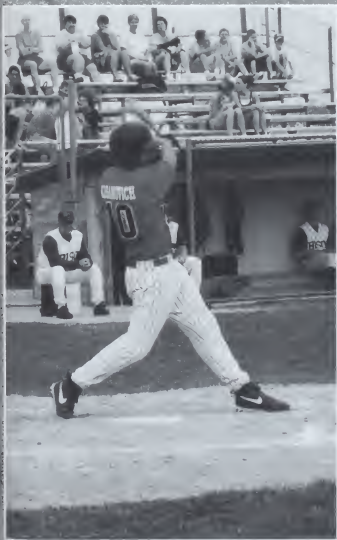
"Let's go, Bombers!"
Mimi Waring cheers with all
sorts.



Get ready to rumble
The boys football team domi-
nates on the home field.

And she's off
Kerry Malshaw does wind-
up determination for a water po-
lo.

Stick together
Tanya Ikon and Kelly Lane
keep each other for a
great finish in girls cross
country.



Fly ball
Senior Brett Kosanovich
twinks for the home.

Take him down
Bomber wrestlers go all in
and show who's boss on the
mat.

My favorite part was...
 Matt Ellis had this to say about his first high school basketball season:

"I really like the new coach, and we work well together as a team."



Our strength lies in...
 When we asked Clint Hoeferlin what he thought the freshman team was best at, he replied:

"We're a good defensive team, and we've come a long way since our first game."



Coach's Comments

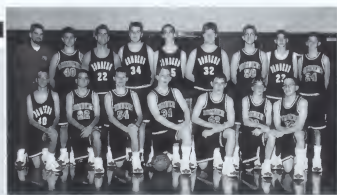
Coach Micklo thought the season was "Great, fun, and different from all other coaching experiences I have ever had. The players are great, and they have a lot of potential."



Bomber Players in Action:
 (Clockwise from top left) Coach Scott Micklo reviews game strategies with his team. Joe Del Principe jumps to awesome heights to gain control of the ball. Bomber defenders work together to shut down the West Central offense. Tom Allegri gets to the basket using his hard efforts, while avoiding a swarm of defenders.



	Div	Score
Delphi	48	37
North White	53	34
Morrison	40	28
Williams	41	30
Tri-County	41	29
South Newton	32	28
Berlin Central	36	44
Twin Lakes	44	56
West Lafayette	35	38
North Jackson	44	47
Kouts	52	39
North Newton	53	34
West Central	57	24
Kankakee Valley	54	31
North White	44	29
Delphi	56	26
Frontier	51	33
B-Team		
Morrison	53	45
Tri-County	41	35
Valparaiso	22	62
West Lafayette	20	44
Kouts	11	12



1999-2000 Freshman Boys Basketball Team

Back row (from left to right) Coach Scott Micklo, Matt Ellis, Joe Del Principe, Todd Yoder, Adam James, Scott Lanoue, Steve Meyers, Adam Schleman, and Chad Nagel. Front row (from left to right) Robbie Butler, Chad Hammond, Clint Hoeferlin, Tom Allegri, Pat Shanley, Doug DeMoss, and Paul Meyers.

Together We Attack

The J.V. team huddles together before playing hard and defeating North Judson 51-44.



A Peek at the J.V. Season



Bryan Inskeep

Bryan's most memorable practice was when the whole team tackled the coach after they'd been playing game situations. Bryan jokingly said, "He finally got what was coming to him!"

Colin Riley

Colin Riley felt that the best part of the season was his own personal improvement, and he added, "It was fun being a junior on J.V. There wasn't as much pressure."



1999-2000 JV Boys Basketball Team

Back row (from left to right) manager Jessica Martin, Coach Derek Klute, Bryan Inskeep, Robbie Sipkema, Wes Mattocks, Garret Brock, Brandon Howard, and manager Jessica Miller. Front row (from left to right) Josh Carr, Josh Golder, Justin Rodibaugh, Colin Riley, Jeremy Rodibaugh, and Cory Spurgeon

Bomber Basketball

Top 5 Things A J.V. Player Needs:

- earplugs to cope with coach's yelling
- good work ethic
- more bench room
- competitiveness



Some Impressive Ball-Handling

Jeremy Rodibaugh looks to steal around the Kouts Mustangs defender to score two more points. Bryan Inskeep and Josh Golder look on, ready to assist.



Jump Shot!

Josh Carr leaps to incredible heights, while scoring two more for the aggressive Bombers as a Mustang defender looks on helplessly.

	Us	Them
Tin-County	44	37
Lat. Central Catholic	44	47
North White	51	21
Harrison	30	52
South Newton	50	33
Frontier	62	56
McCurtchen	38	57
Pioneer	46	32
Knox	44	47
North Judson	51	44
Benton Central	39	58
North Newton	54	45
K.V.	45	50
Winamac	27	46
West Central	41	31
West Lafayette	33	62
Twin Lakes	36	49
Lovell	43	37
Duple	47	56
Kouts	44	45



Coach's Thoughts

"I enjoyed the opportunity to bring a group of young men together to work together to make themselves better basketball players and better people."

Varsity Boys Basketball

Bomber Attack!!



Watching the circus
Counterclockwise from left: Coach Mike Feagans is in disbelief after the team makes another great play.

Get up Chuck
Rensselaer product Charlie Swartzell shows his vertical ability at the KV game.

Doing what Dud does best

Junior beanstalk Justin Holbrook shows his appreciation for ex-Bomber Rudy Taulman by scoring two points.



Under first year coach Mike Feagans, the Bombers begin an new tradition.

Luchene Drops Dimes
(delivers an assist, of course)

Sophomore ball handling whiz Joey Luchene racks up another assist by dishing the ball to Justin Holbrook for the eventual hoop. Brett Kosanovich looks on as his teammates battle for the points against north county rival the Kankakee Valley Kougars. Despite the Bombers' hard fought efforts the north county school beat the Bombers in a close game of 57/67.





I can count to three

Joey Luchene runs the offense as senior Eric Nagel jogs to his position. Luchene played guard a majority of the season.



Team Huddle

The Rensselaer squad gets a well deserved rest while watching rookie varsity coach Feagans design a brilliant play.



Senior Connection

Brett Kosanovich looks to dump the ball to Charlie Swartzell or a cutting Bryan Rodibaugh.

Varsity

Scoreboard

	Us	Them
Tri-County	55	49
Central Catholic	57	76
North White	84	87
Harrison	40	79
South Newton	33	55
Frontier	79	65
McCutcheon	54	67
Pioneer	76	64
Knox	70	105
North Judson	59	54
Benton Central	50	75

	Us	Them
Kankakee Valley	57	67
Winamac	63	78
West Central	69	75
West Lafayette	66	64
Twin Lakes	72	82
Lowell	66	69
Delphi	79	88
Kouts	81	84
North Judson	66	43
Knox	51	67
North Newton	76	62

What is your favorite memory from this season?



Kevin Gillespie

"My favorite memory is beating West Lafayette."



Justin Holbrook

"In the West Lafayette game, when I made the winning shot."



Brett Koebecke

"I had 22 points in the North White game."



Boys Varsity Hoops

Front row (left to right) manager Jessica Miller, manager Amy Shide, manager Jessica Martin; middle row (left to right) Cory Spurgeon, Colin Riley, Kevin Gillespie, Joey Luchene, Justin Rodibaugh, Doug Hannon, Brett Koebecke; and back row (left to right) Coach Derek Klube, Brett Kosanovich, Justin Holbrook, Eric Nagel, Charlie Swartzell, Wes Matlocks, Garrett Brock, Bryan Rodibaugh, Coach Mike Feagans, and Coach Scott Micklo.



Going the hole

Senior leader Brett Kosanovich drives to the rack as he helps the Bombers blow by Tri-County.

Classic Concentration

Senior Kevin Gillespie focuses on the hoop as he swishes another free throw.



Diane Parker

"The players in high school basketball are a lot more aggressive than before."



Caylyn Kraud

"That it is more intense playing basketball in high school, and the skills there used to be true times sharper."



Freshman ladies have it all
(clockwise from top left)
Jeanna Pitstick shoots for two.
Piper O'Brien tries for the free throw.

Amanda Warren shows her speed on the court.

Caylyn Kraud and Breanne Scheurich guard their Valpo opponents.



Alicia Streitmatter

"There is more competition and the schools we play are bigger."

	Us	Them
Senton Central	16	29
Lowell	7	46
McCUTCHEON	29	14
North Newton	40	26
Kankakee Valley	17	32
Manover	19	38
W. Lafayette	36	25
Valparaiso	28	23
Lake Central	35	25
North Judson	24	23
Marrison	33	20



Freshman girls basketball team

(front row from left to right) Natalie Ames, Breanne Scheurich, Toni Parker, Amanda Warren; and (back row) Coach Zoeanne Chernowski, Alicia Streitmatter, Piper O'Brien, Jeanna Pitstick, Diana Parker, Caylyn Kraud, and Coach Marian Horazy.

Lady Bombers make their move

Danielle McGuire tries to inbound the ball through a maze of Kankakee Valley defenders.



B-Ball girls say:



**Natalie
Ames**

She liked the freshman being on the junior varsity team because of the intense competition.

"I think that the team struggled a lot at the beginning of the season but improved by the end. I know I improved."

**DanDanielle
McGuire**



I believe I can fly sideways

Alina Matthews lunges for the opponent while trying to snag the ball.



Jumper-heart thumper

From the corner Ashley Hayworth travels skyward to get the two pointer.



Junior varsity girls basketball team

(front row from left) Amanda Dewees, Ashley Hayworth, Danielle McGuire, Natalie Ames, Shyla Hesson; and (back row) manager Lacie Meks, Coach Zoëanne Chernowski, Alina Matthews, Ashley Zeilmann, Coach Linda Kaufman, Amber Minix, Kaye Rodibaugh, Coach Marian Horazy, and Manager Melanie Allis.

Frosh-JV B-Ball

Top Five

- Get pumped
- Act crazy
- Shoot around
- Envision the game
- Stretch & relax
- The shows
- The clothes
- The ball
- The game
- Our Bomber pride

	Us	Them
North White	12	16
Knox	45	38
Central Catholic	35	16
Winamac	26	30
Harrison	43	40
Benton Central	29	34
Hebron	37	29
North Newton	34	32
South Newton	40	21
West Central	34	19
Twin Lakes	28	30



Ernest Watson

"This was my first year as coach I know what needs to be worked on and so forth."

Winners

The Leading Ladys

This season's victories have taken more than Wheaties to achieve.

A solid wall

The 1999-2000 girls varsity basketball season was full of surprises and dedication. These girls worked hard and managed to play a tough game against the number two ranked team in the state in sectionals. Even though they didn't win, they still put up a fight and made the opposition work for the victory. The Bombers Ladies always practiced hard, while they supported the J.V. and Freshman teams. All three teams were a very close family and worked together to make the season a great one.



Basketball heroes

(Counter clockwise from left) Senior Tara Wood searches for an open teammate to receive her fiery pass. Stacy Plett plays some tough zone defense. Sara Cummings tries to intercept an opponent's pass.





Family distance

Two sibling teammates, Lori Lane and her younger sister Kelly, are both sporting a whole team effort. Each had a great season playing for the varsity team. They also had a major part in this year's success. Having a family member on the team also led to healthy, friendly competition on the court.



Group Huddle

The team takes a time out to decide on the next play, take a breather, and to prepare to win. The season required hard work and took lots of time and dedication, not to mention their getting up extra early in the mornings.



Words of Wisdom

"We had a good year and improved in several areas. The seniors' leadership helped us to improve as a team and build a strong foundation for next year's team."

Coach Horazy

Varsity

Scores

	Us	Them
North White	61	48
Knox	57	52
Central Cath.	46	41
Winamac	61	42
Hanover Central	48	55
Harrison	55	77
Benton Central	44	52
Hebron	55	43
North Newton	60	61
South Newton	63	41
Carroll Invite.	52	29

	Us	Them
West Central	51	47
Twin Lakes	56	73
West Lafayette	40	37
Tri-County	60	44
Markakee Valley	52	47
Frontier	20	0
North Judson	50	59
Delphi	51	32
Rossville	63	58
North Judson (sectionals)	51	55

How was your last year of basketball at Rensselaer Central?



Sara Cummings

"We've had a lot of laughs as well as victories. In all aspects we've had a winning season. I couldn't have asked for anything better. I wish them the best of luck next year!"



Lori Lane

"We have had a lot of fun this year. We have improved so much since last year, and I wish that I could be here next year because we are going to kick butt!"



Tara Wood

"This year was fun and an outstanding experience. We had a great season, and I'm sad I won't be here next year to continue the improvements we gained this year."



Be True To Your Team

Back row (from left to right) Coach Linda Kauffman, Kelly Lane, Ashley Zeilman, Coach ZoeAnn Chernowsky, Randi Raff, Alina Mathew, Coach Marion Horazy; (middle row) Lacie Meeks, Tara Burman, Stacy Plett, Michelle Kiger, Kaye Rodibaugh, Melanie Allis; and (front row) Tara Wood, Sara Cummings, and Lori Lane.



Up-and-Away

Michelle Kiger takes a laser-like aim at the corner painted on the backboard which will ensure the team two points and a sure victory. You can practically hear the ball making the classic "swoosh."

Tag, you're it
Sophomore Alina Mathew goes in for the long stretch extending her appendages to the max to reach for the opposing team.



On the mat

Men in Tights

*Despite the illnesses that rampaged through the boys wrestling team,
the grapplers still dominated on the mat.*

King of the Mat

Chris Yenna was one of the seven wrestlers to advance to regionals but the lone qualifier to semi-state. Pictured to the right in the sectional match-up, he is putting a little twist on the enemy. He finished with a record of 31-5. At semi-state he put his heart into the first match, but he was defeated in the second match. Chris went to sectionals three years of his wrestling career. He broke his foot one year, and that prevented him from participating in sectionals.



From Rookie to Veteran (counter clockwise from left) Veteran Kyle Nagel waits for the whistle. Michael Greene attacks his opponent in the 135 pound weight class. Rookie Brett Sanders scrutinizes the enemy and plans his attack.





Go, Fight, Win!

Kyle Nagel prepares for the blow by his opponent, but the opposition is fighting a losing battle. Nagel had a good senior year season. He worked really hard, fighting wise to make it to the finish. He is one of the seniors who won't be returning after the season, but the lessons of team work will go with him the rest of his life.



Mat girls, mat girls, find me a mat!

Mat maids Eva Gutwein and Terrah Smith give a thumbs up to Mr. Meeks, who is asking if the mats are all clean and ready to go. Eva and Terrah performed their jobs (A.K.A. managers) magnificently during the 1999-2000 season. They were basically the backbone of the team, keeping score, doing whatever was needed, and taking their job seriously.



Coach Meeks comments on the season:

"Overall, I was pleased with our season. We went through adversity with injuries and sickness, but I was pleased with the way we improved throughout our season."

	Us	Them
LaVale	30	46
South Bend Joe.	37	34
South Bend Clay	30	44
Michigan City	38	30
Michigan Mar.	69	3
New Prairie.	48	30
West Central	51	30
Kankakee Valley	36	31
North White	57	24
Twin Lakes	48	36
North Judson	65	12
South Newton	78	6

	Us	Them
West Central	54	24
Andean	66	13
North Western	57	24
Lewis Cass	39	36
Indy Roncalli	9	48
Logansport	17	54
Kokomo	28	48
Kankakee Valley	33	36
Taylor	48	31
Benton Central	59	40
Sectionals		2nd

What did you think of the season?



Chris Yenna

"I was nervous when all my teammates were getting ill, but I am glad that I made it through because it gave me strength in the long run."



Robert Linback

"Thinking of the upcoming sectional, I knew that I had to take the BC kid because he defeated me during the Conference Meet."



Seth Baer

"Throughout our season, I was sick and had back problems and because of these reasons I didn't get to wrestle as much as I wanted."



Team Picture

First row (left to right) Chris Thilges, Kyle Johns, Matt Joseph, Brett Sanders, Scott Luesse. Second Row Terrah Smith, Clayton Henady, Seth Baer, Brian Lakin, Michael Greene, Aaron Frederick, Eva Gutwein. Third row Bob Wollenberg, Nolan Hitchcock, Thomas Vigeant, Jeremy Freeman, Kyle Nagel. Fourth Row Coach Meeks, Michael Morrison, Andy Blasky, Robert Linback, Chris Yenna, Elliott Zimmer, Nathan Arnett, Ryan Myzack.



Don't Mess With Me!

Trainer Kenny Hickman looks prepared to fight a battle with whoever gets in his way. Kenny was much needed for all the illnesses that plagued the guys and kept them from fighting their hardest.

Look Alive!
Coach Meeks walks back to the home side of the mat. He helped improve the team record tremendously over the season.



Showing Bomber Spirit

Cheering for the Bombers!



Caution

Senior cheerleaders Leslie Kennedy and Megan Casey hold up a sign for the players to bust through.



Two's Company

In the photo above Freshmen Danielle Abbott and Erika Peck smile for the camera! Pictured below Senior Leslie Kennedy cheers enthusiastically for the football team.



Funky Spirit Starting

Clockwise (from left to right) Jessica Mercer and Allison Moore steal a shot with Millie's hat. Rebekah Hansen shows her Bomber spirit. Millie Waling and Danelle Nagel fire up the Bomber fans at a JV game. Angie Morris shares what skittles look like after being chewed. Megan Casey does her part to keep the Bomber fans screaming for the football team!





Varsity Bomber Cheerleaders

Back Row (from left to right) Megan Casey, Rebekah Hansen, Leslie Kennedy, Morgan Keiper, and Kim McClellan; front row (from left to right) Jessica Mercer, Allison Moore, Jessica Arnett.



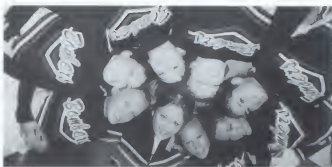
JV Bomber Cheerleaders

Back row (from left to right) Millie Waling, Angie Morris, Alexis Simmons, and Danelle Nagel; front row (from left to right) Ashley Sizemore, Rhiannon Hartwell.



Freshman Bomber Cheerleaders

Danielle Abbott and Erika Peck represent the whole freshman squad, which require lots of spirit.



All Fired Up

In the picture above, the varsity girls relax after cheering for a rowdy crowd at a basketball game as they pose for the camera. To the left Allison pumps up the crowd at a football game. In the picture below, Jessica and Morgan show their wild side during a boys basketball game.



It's all about Red and Black

Pictured below is Kim, who is not hurt enough to keep her from supporting her teammates and joining them in a group shot. To the right, Millie stands proud as she watches and anticipates a Bomber victory.



Aqua Bombers

Marco.... Kelloww !

"If we could walk on water, then we wouldn't have to swim."

Money

A kick above the rest!
(Counter clockwise from left) Byron Courtright is more than just a kick above the rest in the 200 Individual Medley. Steve Wilcox is on the block . . . ready . . . GO! Senior, Andy Earnest takes a deep breath before plunging into the water.



-Eddie

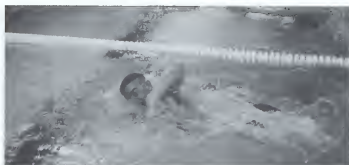
What is he doing?
Senior captain and veteran swimmer Jarod Steffen puts on his vicious "swim face" as he prepares to shoot away from the block into the water for a challenging backstroke race in the Rensselaer Bomber Natatorium. Jarod had a very successful 1999-2000 swim season. He won many first place ribbons for swimming his trademark race, the 100 yard backstroke.





Relay Ryan

No, Senior Ryan Standish is not looking for his belly button; he is focusing on perfect strokes and awesome flip turns to put his relay team in first place.



Wally Kicking It In

Junior John Walters takes one last quick gasp of air before he does another flip turn in the 500 yard freestyle race. He continues to do the notorious "Wally Kick," despite Coach Kellow's words of advice on a new kind of aquatic propulsion.

Just Ask the Senior Swimmers (Earn, Shizz, and Chubbs); They Know it All!



Breathe!

Markus Davis takes a deep breath as he swims a powerful 100 breaststroke race.

Varsity

Scores

	Us	Them		Us	Them
Twin Lakes	83	102	N.V.	106	74
Merrillville	101	83	Delphi	134	37
Pioneer	105	71	Jefferson	86	99
Griffith	128	51	Crown Point	70	115
N. Newton	146	12	Lowell	96	87
S. Newton	82	5	Harrison	74	109
S.C.	100	79	Seeger	128	51
Knox	92	88	McCutcheon	120	63



Andy Earnest

"Swimming has been the most fun this year, because I'm a senior...It was great!"



Jarod Steffen

"All our hard work has paid off this year, and it truly made us 'Larger Than Life!'"



Ryan Standish

"It's about time it's over! (as offense)."



Mens' swim team takes some time out of the H₂O to pose

Back row (left to right) Coach Dan Kellow, Jarod Steffen, Steve Dumas, John Walters, Ryan Standish, Ray Golder, Andy Earnest, Candice Wilkerson. Middle row Brad White, Steve Wilcox, Phil Henady, Bill Kupke, Steve Rusher, Markus Davis, Isaac Zimmer. Front row Adam Zimmer, Byron Courtwright, Sudhir Gaud, Chris Wilcox, Landon Saylor.



Zak Attack

Junior Isaac Zimmer flies his way to a strong finish in the 100 yard butterfly race.



Who's your daddy?

Ryan Standish is a tough guy to beat in and out of the pool. Ryan contributed a lot to the team in his senior year. He inspired everyone with his enthusiasm and knew how to lighten the mood with his sarcasm!

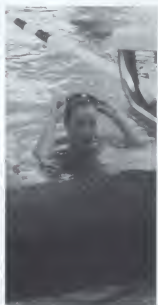
Making a Splash

We Swimm Hard, So You Don't Have To

Lady Bombers put on their swim caps and go to work.



How 'Bout Them Bombers?
[counter clockwise from left]
Tanya Igoe gets psyched for
another race. Laura Brown
sets up to backstroke through
the competition. Keely
McIlwain is held in suspense
while awaiting her placing.



Everybody's MVP

Keely McIlwain cuts through the water like a hot knife through butter. She was the Bombers' number one swimmer in 1999-2000, and excelled in many events, especially the 50 Free. She holds three school swimming records. Her 50 free record time is 25.54 seconds, and her 100 free record time is 56.98 seconds. She was also the anchor of the 200 free relay record holding team which also included Gavra Spence, Ashli Nelson, and Bethany Streitmatter. Bathing caps off to all of the swimmin' women.





Takin' it easy

Heather Lyons gets a much deserved rest while cheering on her teammates. Heather was a senior leader for the team.



Pals Forever

Ashli Nelson (left) and Lindsey Bailey (right) get up close and personal. These two lovely ladies kept the team laughing and smiling throughout the season.



GASP !!!

Meg Howard (left) and Amy Bardoczi (right) witness their relay team earn points in a close finish.



**Brains Behind
The Brawn**
Coach Spence
and veteran
manager Darci
Donnelly

VARSITY

	Us	Them
N. Judson	129	52
Seeger	101	126
and Harrison		99
W. Lafayette	94	160
and C. Catholic		76
Twin Lakes	63	122
Merrillville	70	114
Pioneer	91	94
Griffith	79	106
N. Newton	146	35
S. Central	126	142

SCOREBOARD

	Us	Them
and N. White		44
Knox	123	57
AV	75	110
Delphi	104	79
Laf. Jeff	59	123
C. Point	55	130
Lowell	68	118
Rensselaer		
Relays		2nd of 6
Conference		3rd of 5
Sectionals		7th of 8

*If you could be any kind of fish,
what would you be and why?*



Stacy Herre

*"A dolphin, so I could do
a perfect dolphin kick!"*



Lakin & Spence

*"The fish Pat
(Williams) drew in art,
because it's pretty!"*



Lindsey Bailey

*"A shark, because I like
the taste of blood!!!"*



Front row (left to right) Megan Howard, Jill Clouse. Second Row Lindsey Bailey, Heather Lyons, Sara Wakeland, Laura Brown, Amy Lakin, Trista Querry, Stacy Herre, Camille Blubaugh. Third Row Ashli Nelson, Gavra Spence, Amanda Gutwein, Amy Bardoczi, Bethany Streitmatter, Keely McIlwain.



A A A A H !

Trista Querry, who for most of the season was the ladies' lone diver, catapaults with effortless grace into the air.

Who's The Man ?

Runner-Up for the Nobel Peace Prize/Diving Coach, Andy Gembala thinks up a strategy for that night's diving competition.



The Sunshine is Shining at RCHS



Class of 2003

(clockwise from top of the 'O') Megan Howard, Jessie Davenport, Darlene Minard, Kristen Smith, Mandi Marlin, Nicki Buffkin, Amanda Stath, Ashley Schultz, Tina Rayonec, Piper O'Brien, Laci Meeks, Mandi Bridges, Megan Wood, Ariel Hartwell, Sheena Igoo, Melissa Gilbert, Ann Webb, Courtney Rush, Janell Nagel, Alicia Streitmatter, Caylyn Kraud, Nicole Battleday, Natalie Ames, Amy Simmons (following the tip of the '3') Sarah Harwood, Beth McElroy, Kelli Turner, Abby Miller, Toni Parker, Heather Brantner, Diane Parker, Cassie Papak, Brandi Bannister, Ashley Messer, Kaila Snyder, Kendal Kosta, Lori Walters, Kathy Brandenburg, Camille Blubaugh, Kendal Holt, Melinda Black, Jamie Tanis, Krista Ruemler, Anna Sayers, Vanessa Lowry, Amanda Warren, Monica Johnson.



Class of 2002

(starting from the top of the 'O') Danielle Klopp, Julie Jung, Rachel Mathew, Brittany Jarrette, Jenny Shearer, Rachel Peck, Alexis Simmons, Missy Seely, Marissa Klebs, Jessica Miller, Sarah Gaines, Stacy Here, Jessica Martin, Angie Morris, Eva Gutwein, Bethany Streitmatter, Millie Waling, Brooke Schantz, Darshana Patel, Dayna Rusk, Brooke Hewitt (starting at the tip of the '2') Kara Kohlhaugen, Kim Taylor, Mary Tychek, Candace Hofsteadter, Miranda Luzader, Samaah Marlin, Kristy Conley, Katie Hofmeyer, Amber Critser, Tricia Dennis, Amanda MacDowell, Kendra Fraley, Amanda Downs, Amber VanBlaircom, Trisha Doege, Amy Bardoczi, Jennifer Goad, Tammy Bailey, Julie Bierman.



Society members and sponsors from left: Jodi Graf, Robin Schneidt, Nicole Howell, Mrs. Mleta Waling, Mrs. Kelley Spurgeon, Lindsey Jeffries, Amy Shide, and Laura Brown: all of these ladies worked hard to make 1999-2000's Sunshine brighter than ever.

Special Rays of Sunshine



Class of 2001

(starting from the top of the 'O') Shannon Lakin, Leesa Murphy, Nicole Goodman, Nicole Bailey, Lindsey Bailey, Kristen Sanders, Tina Murillo, Kara Kosta, Ashli Nelson, Allison Moore, Relisa Carr, Angela Owsley, Ryan Tanis, Sarah Wakeland, Amanda DeVees, Chasity Geesa, Tiffany Maxwell, Kristy Cotner, Abby Canaday, Megan Wood, Ashley Streitmatter, Clarissa Bower; (starting at the tip of the '1') Sarah Platt, Kristen Stath, Lesley Peterson, Annie Bretzinger, Kathleen Acunius, Mercedes Clark, Ashley Zellmann, Christina Jacobson, Abby Thiel, Misty DeMoss, Jennifer Cook, Cory Kanney, Jessica Annett, Stacy Plett, Amy Lakin, Laura Brown, Kristin Hamstra.



Class of 2000

(clockwise from top of the 'O') Kelli Bridges, Michelle Mattocks, Rebekah Hansen, Debbie Jennings, Leslie Kennedy, Tristan Snyder, Alicia Harper, Kim McClellan, Sarah Saylor, Jody Graf, Nicole Howell, Amber Luzadder, Sara Cummings, Jahna Marlatt, Sara Hardin, Alejandra Diaz, Travis Owsley, Alan Burns; (middle) Christa Goodman, Robin Schneidt; (clockwise from top of second 'O') Amber Baggerly, Nicole Nagel, Tara Wood, Sarah Bailey, Kristy Wright, Kristi Darnaby, Megan Casey, Jamie Pucka, Cassie Norrington, Kristin Putt, Brandy Putman, Candice Wilkerson, Heather Lyons, Amber Mattocks, Nicole Martin, Beth Morris, Jennifer Whitaker, Amy Earnest, Darci Donnelly, Amy Shide, Crista Cox, Lindsey Jeffries, Erin Kosta, Kara Tiede, Trisha Huhn.

Sun is calling our name

Sunshine is a very prominent club at RCHS. They sponsor the Mother's Tea, Daddy-Date Night, the Sixth-man Club, and the Sunshine Dance.

A HELPING HAND

Mr. Meeks helps Laura Brown blow up a balloon for the big Sunshine dance later on.



DINNER TIME

Sushine sponsored the sixth-man club where they prepared dinner for football fans.



WHAT'S COOKING?

Mrs. Kim Howat discusses the breakfast items with Robin Schneidt and Amber Minix.



And The Winner Is.....

Natalie Ames, Eva Gutwein, Jessica Mercer, the prince: Andy Earnest, and the King of the Sunshine Jungle: Tim Yenna.

Rise And Shine Mrs. Messman is shining so bright in the early morning hours at the faculty breakfast.



DISHING OUT THE SMILES

Sunshine members Jody Graf, Lindsey Jeffries, Michelle Matzocks, Candice Wilkerson, and Amy Shide look their best at a basketball game.

LOTS OF BUBBLES

Sunshine members Tammy Bailey, Trisha Doege, and Kira Schultz help prepare for the Sunshine dance by blowing up hundreds of balloons.



Community Service And Art Clubs



The Community Service Club

Back row (from left to right) Cassie Frazee, Annie Wood, Ian Guerry, Kelli Bridges, Amber Luzadder, Dustin Smith, Courtney Lakin, Lindsey Jeffries, Kara Tiede, Mr. James Earnest, Erin Kosta, Jessica Mercer, Amanda Gutwein, Shannon Lakin, Emily Feicht; (bottom row from left to right) Casey Hermanson, Debbie Jennings, Alisha Harper, Candice Wilkerson, Krissi Smith, Sara Cummings, Nicole Howell, Rebekah Hansen, and Andy Earnest.



The Art Club

Top row (from left to right) Haney Martin, Elliott Zimmer, Garrett Brock, Justin Holbrook, Justin Virok, Corie Kanney, Cory Spurgeon, Brad Kaye; (middle row left to right) Amber VanBlaircorn, Cassie Frazee, Maria Rodriguez, Miranda Luzadder, Laura Brown, Pat Williams, Adam Zacek, Blake Weiss; and (bottom row left to right) Anna Poppen, Susanne LeGrand, Allen Burns, LaDawn Black, and Amber Platt.

What is
the best part
about your club?



I enjoy the atmosphere in the library and all the neat people you get to meet.

Kyle Curtis



I like to post pictures and watch cartoons.

Pat Williams



Everyone should do their part to help keep the earth clean.

Annie Wood



The Book Club breakfast was fun even though Mrs. George and I were the only two there.

Nicole Howell

Book Club and Library Aides



The Book Club

This book loving group of people love to read! They spent many hours reading books and then would discuss the material with each other. They critiqued the books they read and recommended books to each other and their friends and teachers. From left to right: Selina Peterson, Nicole Howell, Krissi Smith, Maria Rodriguez



Library Aides

This dedicated, hard working group of individuals spent a lot of their time helping out in the library. Their tasks included putting books away, organizing shelves, checking books out for students and teachers, and dealing with teachers going out the wrong doors (not to mention any names but Mr. Oates). Left to right Kyle Curtis, April Carr, Nicole Howell, Brad Furst.

Bombers @ work !

No matter what club the students of RCHS belong to, they are always staying busy and enhancing work skills.

Readin'

Nicole Howell polishes off one of her favorite novels.



Grimmace gets girls
Miranda Luzadder and Cassie Frazee touch up their favorite McDonald's character.



Climbing the ladder to success?

Anna Poppen and the Art Club climbed to new heights this year.



Running in the hall

Kyle Curtis runs errands during his study hall library aide job. Kyle enjoyed working in the library, and it gave him the opportunity to learn more about printed materials.



Lounging in the Library

Brad Furst and Kyle Curtis do their thing at the library.



Come on Brad, cut it out!

Brad Furst works hard cutting a poster to put up in the library.

the *STUDENT* council



President
lindsey
JEFFRIES



**Vice
President**
rebekah
HANSON

All in favor?

Every member of the council gets a vote.
They are truly the Senate of RCHS.

In charge of it all



Secretary
samantha
HOPKINS



Treasurer
mark
BROWER



Sponsor
Mrs. (Heather) Heinig



Historian
misty
DeMOSS



**OH! You're
a cat.**

Bethany
Streitmatter
supervised
these eager
freshmen as
they prepare
for a game of
Guesters.



On todays agenda....

The RCHS Student Council takes part in a monthly
meeting to discuss, evaluate, and change (if needed)
plans for upcoming events.



The first team to...wins
President Jeffries explains "Bob-
bing for Parts" to some Seniors.

What's everybody standing around for?

Front row (from left to right): Andy Earnest, Jody Graf,
Rebekah Hanson, Lindsey Jeffries, Mark Brower,
Ryan Standish, Sara Cummings, Mrs. Heather Heinig.

Middle row (from left to right): Misty DeMoss,
Samantha Hopkins, Colin Riley, Kaye Rodibaugh,
Melissa Gilbert, Brett Sanders.

Back row (from left to right): Katie Hofmeyer, Ben
DeWees, Bryan Inskeep, Bethany Streitmatter, Joel
Nagel, Todd Luddington



the COUNCIL in action

During the course of one school year the Student Council sponsors the most interesting, exciting, and funnest events ranging from MORP to Mr. Bomber to Homecoming and much more.

Oh the Fun

Corie Kanney expresses the joy that the Relay Races bring to children normally drowning in books of boredom in the classroom.



Mr. B? Maybe

Mark Brower sits with bud Jeremy Culbreth as they await the crowning of Mr. Bomber.



I'm coming home!

The Senior Float stands proudly on display the day after homecoming '99, a student council sponsored activity.

I wuv U.

Mike Greene proves the old saying "you're never too manly for a hug" as he gives his congrats to Chris Schekel AKA Mr. Bomber.



Left, Right, Left, Right

With three prior years of experience, the Senior Class is poised and ready for Funfest 2000.

Stand by your man

Sara Cummings sits by her man, Kevin Zacher, as he awaits the big announcement of the next Mr. Bomber.



Grrrr. Hmmmpph

Juniors know how to dominate. Just look at the determination as they try their hands at the Funfest's Tug-O-War.

Don't look at your fingers!

Smiling freshman Janell Nagel watches her paper as she types a report in Computer Applications.

Typing into the future.

Mrs. Schmetzer supervises her students during her morning business class. A variety of accomplishments fly from the workplaces.

Ag is fun!

Some freshmen attempt to fall asleep during an Ag class but remain alert for Mr. Kohlhaben's lecture.

Safety first!

Matt Ellis, complete with safety glasses, is careful not to injure himself or anyone else in Mr. Cox's tech class.

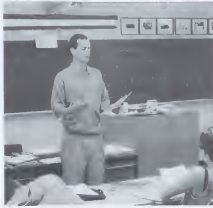
There's More Than Corn in Indiana



Mr. Ron Wamsley
Vocational Agriculture



Mr. Brad Kohlhaben
*Landscape, Careers,
Vocational Agriculture*



Teaching the Future of Business



Mr. Terry Butler
Computer Applications



Mr. Mike Feagans
*Computer Applications,
Business Foundations*



Mrs. Aimee Schmetzer
Business Foundations



Mr. Sam Cox
Industrial Technology



Mr. Walt Brown
Auto Mechanics



Mr. Dave Goodman
Building Trades

Anything You Can Build, I Can Build Better



Finishing up the year

Mr. Goodman and Nick Ames add the final touches to the house they have worked on all year. Building trades was a big success this year!



Buff Mr. Brown!

Mr. Brown demonstrates to his Auto Mechanics class the correct and easy way to shine up your car. This was just one of the many projects the Auto Mechanics class worked on this school year.

The other Mr. Kohlhausen

Kyle Kohlhausen helps out tired, busy freshmen Shanna Doege and Nikki Buffki, during Mr. Wamsley's Vocational Agriculture class. With his help they'll soon get their homework done!

Art in language class?

April Carr, Tanya Igoe, and Robin Schneit proudly present their senior project, the new Bomber shield.

Great job, ladies and Reinforcement Design!



Who threw that spitball?

Mr. Mathews dares to stand before his class and on top of an iceberg to touch a freshman's future.

Shhhhhh. I'm trying to work here.

Mr. Potter is hard at work while his students try to concentrate. This is what makes the school year go by.



Mrs. Benner
Language



Mrs. Bieghler
Language



Mrs. Jungblut
Language



Mrs. Swartzell
Language

OK, get owt
your D.O.L.!



Mrs. Hancock
Language



Mr. Kellow
Language



Mr. Mathews
Language



Mr. Oates
Language



Mrs. Cavinder
Social Studies



Mr. Hainje
Social Studies

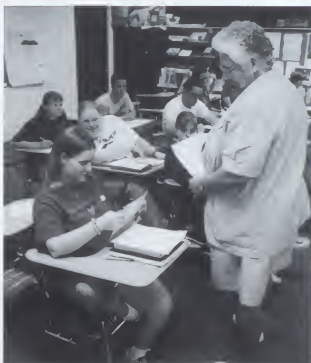


Mr. Potter
Social Studies



Mr. Stefanich
Social Studies

In 1492 Co- lumbus...?



This is what you did wrong.

Mrs. Swartzell hands back a test to sophomore English student Amanda Butler. Amanda learns what she did wrong and how she can try to fix it next time they have a test.

Hey, A2, smile for the camera!

Adam Alson stands proud as he accepts an award from the VFW's Voice of Democracy essay contest. Adam is one prime example of how much students love, appreciate, and truly care for language and social studies.

Now you take this one to fill out...

Mr. Hainje hands Sara Cummings another paper to fill out, just as she turns an already filled-out paper back in. She takes it in stride, just as most students would. Be glad that this isn't the first day of school.



Wanted



Amber Critser
Smiles too much



Eva Gutwein
A good talker



Uurrrgh! Up 1, down 2-3-4...

Teeth clenched, muscles flexed, and extreme determination is written all over Josh Golder's face as he does leg extensions in advanced P.E. His teacher Mr. Meeks comments on this action...

"That's the first time I've seen him do that all year!"

*Reflecting on this moment.....somethink maybe Mr. Meeks shouldn't be so harsh on the weak. Josh deserves an A for effort.

TOP

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Favorite
Sophomore
Movie Quotes

#1 Get in my belly!

Fat Scottish Man

Austin Powers:

The Spy Who Shagged Me

#2 Mama says fooseball is the Devil.

Bobby Boache

The Water Boy

#3 C-O-U-C-H. I AM THE SMARTEST MAN ALIVE!

Billy Madison

Billy Madison

#4 Never touch a black man's radio!

Chris Tucker

Rush Hour

#5 What's your favorite scary movie?

Sid

Scream

Judgement Day



Think, think, think
think.....

Ben DeWees ponders an intelligent answer to impress his teacher. Hours seem to pass by and he is still thinking. Because he has thought too hard, he now has a severe headache. Benjamin, the *Chaos* offers a jar of Tylenol to relieve your "severe" headache..... is he faking or really arriving at concentration max?

P.E. or P.U.?

All smiles after a rigorous workout, Ashley Hayworth, Kristy Conley, and Danielle McGuire stand together tired, and sweaty after a hard days work.

"I'll never forget the fruit throwing, exploring, and our hide-away we called the maccin' room."

Ashley Hayworth



Give the girls a B?

Watch out!! She may bite!!

Who is that? It's Angie Morris showing off her pearly whites!! It looks like Angie doesn't need to have her six monthly dentist check-ups. Her smile is already big, bright, white, and ready to bite!! Grrrrr , Baby , very Grrrrr!!! We give Angie an A!!



Officers of the CLASS of '02

*Here we
go!*



bryanINSKEEP
PRESIDENT



ashleyHAYWORTH
VICE PRESIDENT



darshanaPATEL
TREASURER



Look at that pride
Sophomores in the front row of the bleachers aren't even phased by the cold weather, because they are too busy letting everyone know they are supporting the Rensselaer football team. Sarah Gaines, Dayna Rusk, Marissa Klebs, Brooke Hewitt, Mary Tyche, and Megan Nagel know how to have fun and stay warm on a brisk fall night. They said that it's important to get the very front row. Getting their picture taken is their most favorite part though. Do they know who's winning?



Central Perk?!

No! It's Bethany Streitmatter and Melanie Allis taking a coffee break from the stress of making the yearbook. Bethany comments, "Like the Ritz theatre it will be accessible during the millenium!"

"Yum, yum this is good hot chocolate... what yearbook?" *Melanie Allis*



Shame on you!

How rude!! Aaron Lomax shouldn't be doing his math homework during science! I'm sure everyone has done it at least once, so we'll let this one slide.

→ Sophomores Sophomores *Sophomores*

Kathleen A Acuncius
Melanie E Allis
Mike J Asbell
Seth C Baer
Tammy S Bailey



John A Balvich
Amy L Bardoczi
Jayson L Bennett
Julie A Bierman
Patrick E Biggs



Dennis J Black
Carmen K Blubaugh
John E Blue
Ashley D Brenneman
Amanda R Butler



Joshua E Carr
Kristy N Conley
Byron J Courtright
Amber L Critser
Cassandra L Davis



Patricia A Dennis
Benjamin J DeWees
Trisha G Doege
Michelle Donnelly
Heather M Ensign



Christine M Filson
Nathanial R Franco
Jeremy Freeman
Sarah K Gaines
Sudhir R Gaud



Jennifer L Goad
Joshua P Golder
Matt D Graf
Evangeline S Gutwein
Martin D Hall



Sophomores Sophomores *Sophomores* ←



Rhiannon D Hartwell
Ashley R Hayworth
John M Head
Stacy R Herre
Shyla M Hesson



Brooke Hewitt
Mandi L Hinkle
Katie J Hofmeyer
Brandon T Howard
Bryan C Inskeep



Brittany R Jarrette
Julie M Jung
Marissa L Klebs
Danielle L Klopp
Brett A Koebecke



Kara J Kohlhagen
James F Kupke
Kelly M Lane
Aaron J Lomax
Cesilia Longoria



Joey A Luchene
Todd W Ludington
Miranda M Luzadder
Amanda K MacDowell
Samaah M Marlin



Danielle R Marrero
Jessica A Martin
Alina M Mathew
Rachel A Mathew
Kelly R McCarty



Danielle M McGuire
Keely B McIlwain
Jessica L Miller
Amber N Minix
Angela M Morris

→ Sophomores Sophomores *Sophomores*

Sheena M Murphy
Joel T Nagel
Megan N Nagel
Justin W Nesius
Carrie M Norrington



Jeffrey D Northcutt
Darshana D Patel
Rachel L Peck
Brandon L Pellegrino
Kayla L Peterson



John T Quasebarth
Jenna J Rector
Eric Ricker
Roy Rodriguez
Dayna L Rusk



Brooke B Schantz
Kira L Schultz
Melissande B Seely
Jennifer A Shearer
Alexis A Simmons



Robert B Sipkema
Nicholas L Sizemore
Cassandra L Smith
Terrah M Smith
Dallas R St. John



Nathan Stone
Bethany L Streitmatter
Kathryn N Tatlock
Kimbire A Taylor
Mary A Tycheck



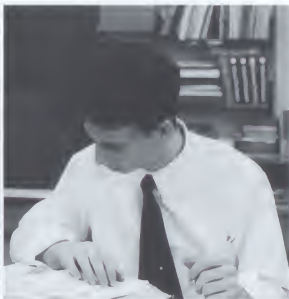
Amber G VanBlaircom
Thomas M Vigeant
Aaron J Voss
Emilia J Waling
Jason R Walker



Sophomores Sophomores *Sophomores* ←



Rachel D Wireman
Mark A Yoder



Contemplating life at RCHS

Eva Gutwein (far
left) pauses as her
lunch chills to a
palatable level.

Position Day
Sporting the finer
accoutrements for a
position presenta-
tion, Bryan Innskeep
(to the left) pours
over volumes of
soon to be forgotten
World Civilizations
lore.



Algebra II Students 0

Directly to the
left, Algebra II
students
Marissa
Klebs and
Mary
Tycek
have fun
graphing
parabolas.



What's New? SRT

Brandon Pelligrino, Mary
Tycek, and Brett Koebecke
exercise their creative skills
in their sophomore SRT.

A Real Cut-Up in Art
Terrah Smith carves a
butterfly in a clay mold
before turning it into a
three-dimensional art
project.

Morp 2000



In the picture above
Angie Morris,
Bethany Streitmatter,
Keely McIlwain,
Terrah Smith, Eva
Gutwein, Kelly Lane,
and Ashley
Brenneman show off
their MORP duds.

To the right Jennifer
Whitaker and Amber
Mattocks are covered
in newspapers.



To the left
Courtney
Tillotta and
Stacy Plett
smile for a
perfect
picture.

To the right Debbie
Jennings, Courtney
Tillotta, Leslie Kennedy,
and Alisha Harper pose
during a break from the
dance.



Pictured to the
left is Alejandra
Diaz, Jody Graf,
Leslie Kennedy,
Courtney Tillotta,
Amy Shide,
Tristan Snyder,
Sarah Sayler,
Debbie Jennings,
Krissy Smith, and
Jennifer
Whitaker.



In the photo above Kristy Sanders and
Nicole Goodman enjoy the night.

Express
Yourself

MR. BOMBER



Congratulations!
Chris Scheckel is swamped with congratulations by fellow candidates and their escorts after the announcement.

*"Homecoming
for Men"*



Ryan
Standish
&
Courtney
Tillotta



Kevin Gillespie
&
Lindsey Jeffries



Chris Scheckel
&
Tristan Snyder



Mark Brouwer
&
Megan Casey



Kevin Zacher
&
Sara Cummings



A time for hugs
Tristan Snyder, Chris Scheckel's escort, gets the first hug after the announcement of his reign. Chris was selected by classmates for the award.

Spring....

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France, Spain, Italy

Over spring break twenty students enrolled in a foreign language at RCHS had the opportunity to tour three countries in Europe. They learned a tremendous amount, had a great time, and encountered many interesting cultural experiences.

Fine dining

In the photo to the right, the group waits on the second course of their meal at a restaurant in Rome, Italy after enjoying a large portion of tortellini. Many people enjoyed the Italian food most. The group was also able to savor such Italian foods as spaghetti and pizza.

"Smile and say Europe!"

In the center photo, the students smile pretty on the steps outside their hotel in Rome, Italy. The five boys and fifteen girls who trekked across the Atlantic got along well together and, while seeing the sights, used the time to bond with each other.

Rise and shine

In the photo below, while sitting in the lobby of the Hotel Moderno in Madrid, Spain, Jill Wiltfang contemplates the wake-up calls that arrived in everyone's rooms early in the morning, every morning.



Tour Eiffel

The Eiffel tower was one of the many impressive sights the group was able to see. One evening some of the more adventurous students completed the grueling task of climbing 1789 stairs to the second level of the tower. Their efforts were rewarded with a breathtaking view of Paris.

Bus rides

In the far right photo, Jill Wiltfang and Sara Wakeland eagerly look out the windows during a bus ride. Josh Anslem uses the time to catch some Zzzz's.





Bon voyage

The students load the bus on Thursday afternoon before Spring Break to head to O'Hare airport in Chicago from which their flight leaves for London.

Don't lose your hand

In the center photo, sophomore Bethany Streitmatter sticks her hand in the Mouth of Truth in Rome. Legend has it that if a person is a liar his hand will be bitten off when he places it in the Mouth of Truth. Bethany looks pretty confident, but the question is, does she still have her hand?



Tourist in Toledo

In the photo above, sophomore Keely McIlwain poses for a traditional vacation picture on a ledge outside the city of Toledo, Spain. The group spent a morning in the quaint city and saw how Damascus jewelry is made.



How's the weather down there?

Mrs. Benner, Mrs. Swartzell, Darshana Patel, Alexis Simmons, and Missy Seely enjoy the nice weather outside the hotel in Rome and look up to wave at the students standing on the third floor balcony of their room.

Peaceful sleep

Junior Mike Greene sleeps on the British Airways flight from London back to Chicago after an exhausting week in Europe. Plane rides were a chance to attempt to catch up on sleep.

Boys Golf

It Isn't Easy Being on the Green

Drives, chips, and putts (Clockwise from left) Steve Dumas and Ryan Anderson share strategies about the match. Charlie Swartzell prepares to send the ball to the hole. Dave Weiner attacks the ball with his strong swing.



They were a young team, but the Bombers were still able to rule the course.

Steve drives a hard bargain

Junior Steve Dumas dominates the first nine with a powerful swing and a positive attitude during the Rensselaer Invitational.

Coach Richard Stefanich responded to questions about the season with a comment, "We have a very young team; out of 15 players we only have one senior. Things should be better next year. It's a rebuilding season."





Reading the green

Chris Wilcox concentrates on an important putt and sizes up the roll. As winner of the team's MJV award, he looks to lead the team to even stronger finishes in the year to come.



Posh Frosh

The only freshman on varsity, Ryan Anderson displays to everyone his talent as he tees one up. Hard work, concentration on the ball, and keeping his head down helped him to win Most Valuable Golfer on the 2000 team.



Varsity

The power of Rico

Scoreboard

	Us	Them
Twin Lakes Invite		16th of 18
Lake Central	191	173
Nankakee Valley		192
Lafayette Jeff Invite		15th of 15
Nankakee Valley Invite		12th of 13
Dr. E.R. Beaver Invite		14th of 20
Boone Grove	180	175
Lafayette Jeff		162
West Lafayette	173	150
Frontier		178
Winamac	176	164
Nankakee Valley	178	180
Tn-County		175

	Us	Them
Benton Central	176	152
N. White		188
Twin Lakes	172	157
Central Catholic		186
Hoosier Conference		5th of 5
Manover Central	169	178
North Newton	163	183
Kouts		193
North Judson	174	184
Lake Central Invite		7th of 16
North Western Invite		9th of 10
Sectionals		7th of 14
Junior Varsity	7 wins	4 losses



Steve Dumas

"Talking about Marty Hall's personal life."



Ryan Anderson

"Watching Bob bring himself while he was moving."



Charlie Swartzell

"When Nolan Hitchcock hit Mike Ridge on the butt with the golfball."



A team leader

Using strategy and knowledge, Steve Dumas stealthily prepares to finish up a hole with a victory.



Senior authority

Charlie Swartzell, the sole senior and recipient of the Mental Attitude award, lets no barrier stop his forward march to the target.



Bomber Golf

Back row (from left to right): Coach Rich Stefanich, Nolan Hitchcock, Chris Wilcox, Charles Swartzell, manager Corie Kanney, Steve Dumas, Ryan Anderson, and David Weiner. Front row (from left to right): Marty Hall, Brett Sanders, Mike Asbell, Steve Wilcox, Scott Lanoue, Byron Countright, Chad Nagel, Landon Saylor, and Brad Kaye.

Ladies' Tennis

The Smashing Bombers

Real Women Wear Skirts - Single Sensations

Smashing down the competition...

Clockwise (starting left) Eva Gutwein sets up a serve. Marissa Klebs calls her opponent's ball out of play. Darshana Patel awaits a serve from the opposing team.



Wow! What a backhand

Number one singles player, Alicia Standish, successfully backhands a serve to destroy her opponent.

Be sure to follow through...

Number two singles player, Meeghan Smith, duking it out with her opponent despite her many injuries and sicknesses throughout the season.

Both Meeghan and Alicia, along with the rest of their teammates strived to have a winning season, and they accomplished just that.





It takes two to tango....

The number one doubles team of Michelle Mattocks and Stacy Platt await a challenging serve from their opponets.



It's a racket!

Members of the junior varsity cheer on the varsity players before they get ready to demolish the competition at a home match.



It's where the love is

Coach Cavinder offered much advice and motivation for the team.

Nankakee Valley
Benton Central
Rensselaer Invite 1st of 4
Knox
Wheeler

Varsity

Us Them

3-2

3-2

4-1

3-2

4-1

5-0

0-5

1-4

4-1

0-5

0-5

Jv

Us Them

4-1

3-2

5-0

3-2

0-5

4-1

5-0

4-1

1-3

Delphi
McCutcheon
Twin Lakes
Wheeler
Nankakee Valley
Knox
West Lafayette
Sectional (Culver)



Double T: Tennis Team

Front row from left: Laura Brown, Jessica Martin, Trista Querry, Sarah Bailey, Meeghan Smith, Alicia Standish, Terrah Smith, Eva Gutwein. Second row from left: Camille Blubaugh, Marissa Klebs, Amy Simmons, Darshana Patel, Nichole Battleday, Alicia Streitmatter, Carmen Blubaugh. Third row from left: Coach Rachel Cavinder, Manager Kayla Snyder, Mary Tychek, Missy Seely, Michelle Mattocks, Stacy Platt, Mandi Bridges, and ©Manager Rachel Acunius.

What was the best aspect of this season?



Carmen Blubaugh

"We were all good friends and had a great time."



Missy Seely

"Our record this year was very impressive. I can't wait until next year."



Teerah Smith

"I will miss the season a lot. They were really wonderful!"



Service with a smile

Terrah Smith hustles for a short volley while still keeping her game day smile.



Court is in session

Number one singles JV player Eva Gutwein rallies to catch the win over a formidable opponent.

Get on track

Faster than a Speeding Bullet

Boys at work

(Counterclockwise from left) Justin Virok sprints. Jeremy Freeman is ready to release his discus. Jeremy advanced to state in shot put after finishing third at regionals. Markus Davis soars over the pole vault. He also advanced to regionals.



It's not where you start; it's where you finish.

Go, Tommy Boy

No, not the fat guy in a little coat (Chris Farley), it's Tom Vigeant stealing another victory during boys 2000 track season. He knows just how to make his opponents tremble in their tennies. Running is only one of the many events in this sport. Overall the boys worked hard and showed great improvements as the year progressed. They overcame many obstacles along the way. Through triumph and failure, they always kept their spirits up.





Let it fire!!!

Improving his personal best, Ryan Standish fires the disc with hopes of burning the competition. Sage and mentor Gene Edmonds watches in the black jackey. This senior showed great leadership and a positive impression.

Congratulations to the #2000 relay team of Elliot Zimmer, Adam Zimmer, Kevin Raber, and Tommy Vigeant for advancing to regionals.



I've been hangin' around this town...

Directly above Freshman Steve Rusher soars through the air and is ready for landing. In the picture to the right, Matt Lovely and Ray Golder are revved up and ready to go. They are running the 400 meter dash. Their opponents can hide, but they can't run!

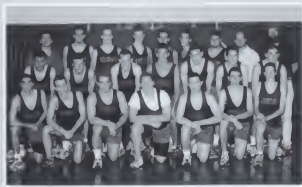


Zimmer Wisdom...

One of the most terrific coaches in the world (no offense to anyone else) said, "It was a great year; and everyone gave it their best!"

Boys Varsity Scores

Us	Them	Us	Them
Kankakee Valley	30 102	North Newton	42 41.5
Twin Lakes	75 73	Lowell	83.5
North White	48	South Newton	59 39
South Newton	45	North Newton	52
Tri County	41 85	Andreen	43
South Newton	41	Kankakee Valley	107
North Newton	50 67	Boone Grove	57 48
North Judson	50	Knox	61
Twin Lakes Invite	5th of 6	Conference	4th of 5
West Lafayette	19 65	Sectional	3rd of 13
Harrison	83	Regionals	23 of 48



Team

Front row (from left to right): Ryan Tanis, Markus Davis, Jeremy Freeman, Philip Henady, Russell Ratcliff, Adam Zimmer. Middle row: Matt Schenk, John Balvich, Justin Virok, Steve Rusher, Matt Lovely, Scott Luesse. Top Row: Coach Tom Landrum, Elliot Zimmer, Ray Golder, Kevin Raber, Nathan Arnett, Tom Vigeant, Ryan Standish, Coach Dan Kellow, and Coach Bill Zimmer

How about this year's track season, eh?



Andy McKim

"What are you Phil? My year as a freshman is truel got better as the season progressed."



Eric Nystrom

"I'll be back next year and better, I guess. My best accomplishment was breaking five minutes when I ran the mile."



Ryan Standish

"Getting up at six a.m. to throw discs made me tired, and my best memories were picking on the freshmen. Look at Rate; he's just Rate."

Help! How Do I Get Down From Here?

Adam Zimmer clings for dear life on the pole vault. As a freshman he's learning the ropes.



Here's Daddy!

Matt Schenk was shown to be superior over his opponents in the 800 and 1600 meter race. He advanced to regionals in both events and gave great effort. In the picture above, he's bringing in another victory



Wings are great

Fly Like an Eagle

The 2000 girls track team showed that they rule when it comes to competition. They intimidated many of their opponents with their fierce, competitive attitude.

A flash and they're gone

The 400 meter dash has some of the fastest runners on the track team. Bethany Streitmatter (leading on the right) flies like a lioness on the hunt for an antelope. Samaah Marlin (on the far left) nips at her heels. They beat the Tri-County runners thanks to hard work and dedication. These two never cheated on their workouts even though temptation knocked at the door. Bethany advanced on to regionals after defeating harsh competition in the 400 meter dash at sectionals.



All for one

(Counterclockwise from left) Samaah Marlin is weary after running the 400 meter dash. Shyla Hesson flies over the hurdle. She and the 4x800 meter relay team of Cassie Frazee, Keely McIlwain, Tanya Igoe, and Janell Nagel (pictured below) advanced to regionals.





Pulling ahead

Freshman Cassie Frampton runs her heart out in the 4x100 meter relay. She also ran the 4x400 meter relay and competed in the long jump.



Reach for the clouds

First on the team in high jump was Amber Luzadder. She advanced to regionals in the high jump after leaping five feet against the sectional competition.



Jump the long way

Amber Luzadder jumps for the clouds against North Judson and North Newton. She placed first in the meet and showed the other team how to fly.



One for the team

Sophomore Amber Minix showed that underclassmen can take the competition down when throwing discus and shot put.



Coach Nancy Messman

"The girls track team has had a successful season. Many girls have progressed through the season and are peaking as sectional time draws near. I feel that several of the girls will advance on to regionals."

And the scores are ...

	Us	Them
Kankakee Valley	36	87
Tri-County	75	53
South Newton		26
North Judson	77	37
North Newton		42
Twin Lakes Invite	1st of 5	
Harrison	23	36
West Lafayette		89
Conference	4th of 5	

RHS 29-9

	Us	Them
Lowell	77	52
North Newton		27
Gene Edmonds Relays 2nd of 7		
Boone Grove	68	51
and Knox		37
RMD	70	63
		23
Sectionals		3rd of 12



Girls Track

Reclining: Jennifer Whitaker. Front Row (from left to right): Darci Donnelly, Cassie Frazee, Amber Luzadder, Nicole Howell, Tristan Snyder, Tanya Igoe. Second row: Amanda Gutwein, Sheena Igoe, Sheena Murphy, Jessica Davenport, Vanessa Lowry, Cassie Frampton, Danielle McGuire, Shyla Hesson, Darlene Minard. Third Row: Coach Jill Henady, Jeanna Pitstick, Leesa Murphy, Lindsey Bailey, Samaah Marlin, Lacey Meeks. Fourth Row: Coach Linda Kaufman, Amber Minix, Bethany Streitmatter, Janell Nagel, Christina Jacobson, and Coach Nancy Messman.

What was your favorite event this year and why was it your favorite?



Amber Luzadder

"My favorite event is probably the 400 meter relay. It's my relay event, and I like to be part of a team that really works."



Samaah Marlin

"The 4x400 relay is my favorite event because I get to run with a great team and the competition is tough."



Danielle McGuire

"The 800 meter run because I love the competition and the rush it gave me finishing first (sometimes)."



Another one bites the dust

Pictured above Jennifer Whitaker sprints the 100 meter dash faster than a cheetah. She was the top sprinter in the 100 meter dash in 2000.

Throw for the gold

In the photo below, junior Lindsey Bailey uses all of her strength to heft the shot put up and away.



Baseball

Bombers go for the cycle

Although short-handed at the end of the season, the Rensselaer baseball squad finished another successful year by making the trip to regionals.



Watching his every move

Coach Sam Cox looks on as senior Adam Alson swings at the pitched ball. Adam led the team in most offensive statistical categories this year.



Gettin' ready

Freshman Jeremy Rodibaugh, who split his time between the varsity and junior varsity teams, warms up his arm before a game. Jeremy played shortstop and pitcher for the Bombers.

In the stance

Always sizing up the opponent's delivery style, Brett Kosanovich looks to read the next pitch that comes his way. The senior was a good fastball hitter this season and could hit the long ball as well.



Freshman team

Back row (from left to right): Coach Redman, Nathan Amsler, Russell Bretzinger, Adam Schleman, Pat Shanley, Adam James, Matt Ellis, Coach Clay Webb. Middle row: Chad Hammond, Paul Myers, Tommy Allegrini, Clint Hoeferlin, Matt Joseph, Doug DeMoss, Chad Klaussen. Front row: managers Steve Myers, Emily Lyons, Heather Lyons, Amy Shide, Candi Wilkerson, and Ashley Sizemore.



Rounding the bases

Junior catcher Justin Rodibaugh hits another homerun, and his teammates come to the plate to congratulate him. Justin was often a long ball threat.



Thirdbase standout

Corner infielder and senior team leader Adam Alson looks a groundier into his mitt at Benton Central. Adam was a dependable fielder this year for RCHS.



Gettin' my way?

Coach Matt Stevens argues a call with an umpire. Who will win?

Varsity Scoreboard

	Us	Them		Us	Them
West Central	14	11	Merrillville	4	10
McCutcheon	0	4	Twin Lakes	9	11
Tri-County	1	9	North Newton	17	1
North Judson	14	3	North Newton	10	4
North Judson	21	14	South Newton	1	5
Hebron	6	2	Winamac	16	5
Benton Central	2	8	Delphi	2	4
Harrison	3	7	Delphi	3	2
Frontier	2	5	Pioneer	7	3
West Lafayette	4	3	Nouts	0	10
West Lafayette	1	9	Lowell	3	5
Nankakee Valley	2	12	Lowell	5	6
Twin Lakes	12	15	Sectionals		
Nankakee Valley	5	1	North Judson	4	0
Tri-County	11	4	North Newton	10	8
			North White	11	3
			Regionals		
			Taylor	2	7

Who's your favorite manager of the six on our team?



Brett Kosanovich

"I think Slide is my favorite, but Steve Myers is a closer second because he actually does something"



Wes Mattocks

"Any Slide is definitely my favorite"



Jared Courtney

"Any Slide is the best manager this side of the Rio Grande"



Varsity team

Back row (from left to right): Coach Sam Cox, Brett Kosanovich, Kevin Zacher, Justin Holbrook, Adam Alson, Bryan Rodibaugh, Coach Matt Stevens. Middle row: Brett Koebocke, Jesse Kennedy, Kyle Johns, Jeremy Rodibaugh, Jared Courtney, Justin Rodibaugh, Merk Alson, Wes Mattocks. Bottom row (from left to right) managers Steve Myers, Ashley Sizemore, Candi Wilkerson, Amy Shide, Heather Lyons, Emily Lyons.



Junior Varsity team

Back row (from left to right): Coach Sam Cox, Matt Ellis, Adam Schleman, Pat Shanley, Brandon Howard, Brandon Pellegrino, John Head, Coach Clay Webb. Middle row: Manager Steve Myers, Tommy Allegrini, Matt Joseph, Jeremy Rodibaugh, Matt Graf, Nathan Amsler. Front row: managers Emily Lyons, Amy Shide, Candi Wilkerson, Heather Lyons, and Ashley Sizemore.

Girls Softball

Popping it up and out

Just trying to get on base

(Clockwise from the photo to the left) Senior power threat Jahna Marlatt takes a mighty swing while up at plate during the Tri-County game. Katie Hofmeyer smiles for the camera right before a game at Brookside Park. Junior Kristi Canine watches the batter as she gets ready to fire her wheels and take off for second.



A new coach, a new season, and a whole lot of fun for the Bombers!

Looking to help out

In the picture to the right, Senior Lori Lane, Junior Randi Raff, Junior Jamie VanHouten, and Manager Shannon Lakin watch and wait to offer advice to their fellow Lady Bombers during a game. Coach Ernest Watson always told the girls to shout if an opposing runner was leaving first and going to second base, that way the catcher might be able to throw-down at 2. It's easier to see the game from the bench because those players see all that is going on, and where to throw the ball.





Just can't hide that senior pride

Above left, Seniors Jody Graf, Jahna Marlatt, Lori Lane, and Amber Mattocks pose for the camera before a game against Tri-County. After the 2000 season, the Lady Bombers lost these talented young ladies. Above right, Jody Graf races to make it to the base before being tagged out at first base.



Coach Watson on his first season

"This was my first season as coach for the softball team, and we have come a long way to be where we are now. I know what needs to be worked on next year and so forth."

Varsity Scorecard

	Us	Them
North Newton	4	5
North White	3	5
Knex	14	4
South Newton	4	6
Francher	16	6
Morgan Township	0	10
West Lafayette	0	3
West Lafayette	2	6
Tri-County	10	12
Washington Township	6	8
Tri-County	0	10
Delphi Community	4	17
Delphi Community	0	11
Twin Lakes	0	8
Twin Lakes	0	13
Crown Point	0	11
Knex	0	8
Hebron	6	7
Kankakee Valley	1	3

Junior Varsity Scorecard

	Us	Them
Winamac	4	3
North White	2	3
Seconals	8	18
North Newton	5	25
North White	0	15
West Lafayette	0	22
Tri-County	4	11
Benton Central	0	24
Benton Central	1	11
South Newton	20	23
Twin Lakes	0	10
Knex	18	4
Hebron	5	20
Delphi Comm.	0	13
Delphi Comm.	5	15
Tri-County	0	10
Crown Point	0	20
Francher	0	11
K.V.	0	20
North White	1	11

Bomber Softball

10 sayings on the field

Varsity

5. Aggressive!
4. Hits, Hits, Hits
3. Hittin' It
2. Sig O
1. Ducks In The Pond

Junior Varsity

5. Hits!
4. Hittin' It
3. Balls and Strikes
2. Play It On the Field
1. Chunks Of Pie

What was the greatest moment for you, this season?



Jamie VanHouten

"The best moment this season, for me, was when I learned how to throw a curve ball and a change up."



Sarah Gaines

"I played both junior varsity and varsity this year, and being able to play on both teams was the best moment for me."



Diane Parker

"The best moment for me was being able to hit the ball, because I couldn't hit the ball for the longest time."



Look what happened

Danielle Klopp shows off her nice bloody knee after she slid into a base and got an "owie."



Bomber pitching

Junior pitcher Nicole Goodman gets ready for the wind-up during one of the Lady Bombers many games. Nicole and fellow pitcher Jamie VanHouten were the No. 1 varsity pitchers during the 2000 season.

Bomber Softball

Front row (from left), Manager Toni Parker, Courtney Lakin, Kristi Gamme, Tara Burman, Jamie VanHouten, Nicole Goodman, Abby Thiel. Second row Manager Casey Hermanson, Amanda DeWees, Jahna Marlatt, Amber Mattocks, Lori Lane, Jody Graf, Michelle Kiger, Manager Shannon Lakin. Third row: Sarah Gaines, Ariel Hertwell, Breanne Sheurich, Rhi Hertwell, Krista Ruemler, Cassie Papek, Diane Parker. Fourth row: Coach Denny Graf, Danielle Klopp, Brooke Hewitt, Sarah Harwood, Randi Raff, Melanie Allis, Coach Zoe Ann Chernowsky, and Coach Ernest Watson.

Sigma Di Gamma & Business Professionals of America



Let's do that Mardi Gras thang!

Sitting from left to right: Amber Mattocks, Dennis Luchene, Jennifer Whitaker, Sarah Bailey. Kneeling from left to right: Brittany Sweeney, Sarah Saylor, Kim McClellan, Krissi Darnaby, Amber Luzadder, Joel Nagel. Standing from left to right: Rhiannon Hartwell, Miranda Luzadder, Mary Tycheck, Bethany Streitmatter, Trista Quarry, Josh Jones, Ben DeWees, Jamie VanHouten, Misty DeMoss, Josh Golder, and Ashley Brenneman.



World's future in the hands of Business Professionals

Left side from left to right: Amber Gross, Christina Jacobson, Tanya Igoe, Debbie Jennings, Kelli Bridges, Ashli Nelson, Kristin Hamstra, and Advisor Mrs. Aimee Schmetzer. Right side from right to left: Jason Shultz, Cristal Cox, Christina Teske, Brandee Cain, Sarah Bailey, and Kara Kosta.

What was
fun and interesting
in your club this year?



"Mardi Gras with the eighth graders... we had fun."

- Jennifer Whitaker



"We had a great time making a website for BPA."

- Debbie Jennings
&
Tanya Igoe



"Health Do was really interesting and I learned a lot about health and medical careers."

- Trisha Huhn



"Decathlon was fun this year and I enjoyed being in it."

- Casey Hermanson

Decathlon & Health Occupations



Competing with others is what we do best

Shannon Lakin, Casey Hermanson, Annie Bretzinger, Cassie Papak, Emily Feicht, Dustin Smith, and Suzanne LeGrand. This group of individuals, who competed in areas where they are the strongest academically, met a number of times with students from other area schools.



The medical field in our hands: grasping jobs in the real world

Left picture shows the block red class. Standing from left to right: Erin Kosta, Maria Rodriguez, Kara Tiede, Selena Peterson. Sitting from left to right: Krissi Smith, Amber Baggerly, Amanda DeWees. The photo on the right shows the black block class. Starting from left to right: Lindy Stalbaum, Christina Shivan, Heidi Niketh, Andrea Wiesa, Ashley Streitmatter, and Abby Canaday.

A little bit of clubbing is fun

What similarities and differences are there between Sigma Di Gama, BPA, Academic Decathlon, and Health Occupations?

Find out below as you meet the members, some of whom competed in their fields of expertise.

What a great teacher

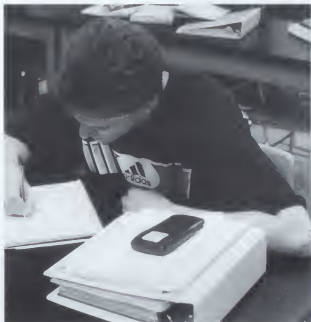
Health Occupations teacher Mrs.

Luetta Nussbaum is pictured below planning the daily assignments for her students who serve in a variety of medical fields.



Offering a hand

In the photo above, Erin Kosta is lending a helping hand while the veterinarian examines the cat.



Study, study, study

To the left, Decathlon team member Dustin Smith studies hard in the library.

Workin' hard?

BPA advisor, Mrs. Aimee Schmetzer, is seen grading some papers from her classes.



Bien?

Pictured above are a few students who are working in Mrs. Benner's Spanish 1 class. Sigma Di Gama is about having fun with Spanish, French, and Latin.



Congratulations to Christina

Christina Teske is all smiles as the only RCHS student to compete at BPA Nationals in 2000.

Rensselaerian+ Chaos= :)

These are all the people that help make the yearbook GREAT!



Rensselaerian and Chaos show up??

From the back clockwise: Millie Waling, Nicole Howell, Jessica Mercer, Amber Luzadder, Vito Minix, Courtney Lakin, Bethany Streitmatter, Kelli Bridges, Monica Johnson, Mandi Bridges, Lori Walter, and last but not least Steve Meyers. These are just a few of the members of the staff who worked on the book. Obviously, some others forgot where the yearbook picture was being taken that day.

The two
wonderful
yearbook
editors who
put Chaos
2000 together



The Spirit of Co-operation

Clockwise below: editors Nicole Howell, Bethany Streitmatter, and Kelli Bridges all work together work on the yearbook, even though Nicole was editor of the paper.

Fixing Mistakes

Really into an article, Rensselaerian editor Nicole Howell looks over the paper before it gets published.



Bulletin Mania

Nicole Goodman and Jessica Mercer make a display for St. Patrick's day in the case outside the journalism room.



Lights-Camera-Action

In the photo above Mark Alson makes touch-ups for a MTV show on Black Day. He reviews the tape before it is played for all to view.



Wandering Eyes

Chasity Geesa is watching over Nicole Goodman's shoulder as she looks out the window to see the beautiful day.

Surfing the Web

Alicia Standish and Danelle Nagel are working attentively on researching a topic for the Rensselaerian.



BTV AND TECH CLUB

BTV continued to bring the news to the kids in an entertaining and informative manner; and remember its BomberVISION!!! The Rensselaer Tech Club is in it's fourth year of clubdom. It consists of 35 members who take part in various competitions.

The BTV Man

Adam Zacek "points" out the do's and don't's of "BomberVision."



Could you put this thing any thing higher....

Megan Casey adjusts the outstandingly sophisticated equipment that BTV members battled daily.



Listen Up

Brian Lakin shows off his flair for editing film as he prepares the day's show. P.S. Nice job on the wrestling high-light film.



Build-A-Way

Carpenters Doug Hannon and Brandon Scheckel construct a picnic table.



Ready, Set, Go

Mike Greene and Megan Casey make preparations for another emotionally gripping, tear jerking, gut-busting rundown of the day's top news stories.



The Whole Posse

BTV appears together in the above photo (bottom row from left): Joe Gudeman, Steve Dumas, Morgan Keiper, Megan Casey, (middle row) Chris Scheckel, Ryan Anderson; and (top row) Ashley Hayworth, Brian Lakin, Mike Greene, Patrick Williams, Adam Zacek, and Brad Kaye.



Tech Club members Doug Hannon, Brian Hannon, Chris Peck, Jon Hale, and Brandon Scheckel are work hard on their bridges.

Rensselaer Central High School's Choirs Steal the Show!



The Chamber Choir

This choir received a superior rating at contest, but their score did not quite qualify them for state competition. Back row (from left to right) Matt Tycheck, Steve Meyers, Beth Vanderkleed, Nick Earnest, Kimbre Taylor, Jeremy Williamson, Aanya Warran, Ian Quarry, Andy Earnest, Amber Luzadder, Mark Brouwer, Dustin Smith. Middle row (from left to right) Josh Jones, Adam Brantner, Seth Baer, Michael Vaughn, Betsy Primeau, Amanda DeWees, Mike Gross, Nicole Howell, Jessica Mercer, Samantha Hopkins, Carmen Blubaugh. Front row (from left to right) Melissa Gilbert, Amanda St. John, Jamie Pucke, Megan Casey, Rebekah Hansen, Debbie Jennings, Danielle Pruett, Alejandra Diaz, and Jeremy Culbreth.



The Showchoir

The RCHS Showchoir went to contest for the first time this year and received a superior rating. Back row (from left to right) Jeremy Culbreth, Kimbre Taylor, Matt Tycheck, Ian Quarry, Elizabeth Vanderkleed, Mark Brouwer, Jessica Mercer, Stephen Meyers, Carmen Blubaugh. Middle row (from left to right) Mike Gross, Amanda DeWees, Brandie Chamberlain, Michael Vaughn, Dustin Smith, Danielle Pruett, Seth Baer, Nicole Howell, Nick Earnest, Josh Jones, Amber Luzadder. Front row (from left to right) Jeremy Williamson, Melissa Gilbert, Director Sharon Urbano, Brandon Hatfield, and Andy Earnest.

And just
how well did
the choirs do?



"We had a lot of fun this year. At contest, we definitely showed judges a choir who's here."

-Cortny Woodruff



"I'm glad I was in choir this year. We worked hard for a superior at contest, and it paid off."

-Stephen Meyers



"This was my first year in choir. We were nervous at contest, and I had a great time."

-Nick Earnest



"Show Choir did really well this year...the first year we went to contest and we received a superior."

-Danielle Pruett

Talented Students Make Excellence Possible!



The Concert Choir

Back row (from left to right): Kristin Smith, Jamie Tanis, Cesilia Longoria, Matt Tycheck, Kayla Peterson, Jeremy Jones, Adam Brantner, Elizabeth McElroy, Karnee Dickson, Kimberly Deno, Kristi Reed, Kendra Freley, Amanda Downs, Trisha Doege, Jayson Bennett. Middle row (from left to right): Ashley Messer, Chris Thiiges, Kendal Kosta, Adam Morrical, Selina Peterson, Cassandra Davis, Kristen Sanders, Jeremy Culbreth, Josh Jones, Susie Boyd, Samantha Hopkins, Candace Hofsteadter, Mandi Hinkle, Michael Vaughn. Front row (from left to right): Chris Filson, Mike Gross, Kristy Cotner, Diane Parker, April Carr, Tiffany Maxwell, Toni Parker, Amanda Robbins, Amanda St. John, Nikki Bufkin, and Erica Peck.



The Treble Choir

The Treble Choir comprised of girls from all four grades, did not go to contest as a separate choir, but joined with the Chamber Choir to reinforce the alto and sopranos. Back row (from left to right) Mercedes Clark, Cassie Papak, Sarah Harwood, Brandie Chamberlain, Anna Sayers, Amanda Warren, Suzanne LeGrand. Front row (from left to right): Dawnya Hurst, Amanda Steth, Jeanna Pitstick, Heather Brantner, Diane Parker, Amber Luzadder, Angela Owsley, Chasity Geesa, Jamie VanHouten, and Cortny Woodruff.

Caution: Choir at Work!!

It takes a lot of work to put together a show-stopping choir like the one right here at RCHS. Through tough judging, endless rehearsals, and monotonous routines, this group of talented teens managed to enjoy themselves and their music, making known the name of Rensselaer Central High School.

Smile for the Camera!

Amanda St. John and Amanda Robbins practice their music.



What harmony

The RCHS Treble Choir works on music for the Organizational Contest held in April.



Hittin' the high notes

Shortly before their pre-contest concert, the Chamber Choir and the Treble Choir held a joint rehearsal. This massive Chamber Choir was awarded a superior at their contest.



Up up and away

Danielle Pruett, Show Choir Captain, gets into the music of "Jump Jive and Wail."

Do re mi fa so la ti do

Dustin Smith and Brandy Chamberlain of Show Choir, with Melissa Gilbert and Amanda St. John in the background practice for their next show.



What cute couples...

In the picture at the left, clockwise from the top, Mark Brouwer, Amanda DeWees, Mike Gross, Amanda Robbins, Seth Baer, Andy Earnest, Nicole Howell, and Josh Jones sing in their ballad positions for Show Choir.

Down on one knee

The Show Choir practices the choreography to "Old Time Rock & Roll."



The fine fine arts of RCHS!

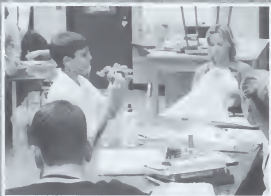
In the photo directly to the right, Jessica Williams, Tim Hock and Megan Coffey love, after their song "Under the Limb of Love" in the spring musical, *Music Man* at St. Louis.

In the center picture, a very talented Jessica Merwin and Carmen Stadelger dramatically costume for the benefit of "the big, bad wolf," John Frost, played by Roy Condit.



Members of the RCHS art club, Anne Wied and Abby Tins, put their creativity to good use when "playing" with clay and other materials.

In the large central picture, Bill Kohn humorously demonstrates errors in another year's traditional project from class.



In her first year as band director at RCHS, Ms. Tom Lindquist has the go band for *Music Man* at St. Louis in dress rehearsal.



Ever so helpful the singing friends, RCHS graduate Terri Mary Spence, coming back to her old home with friends from St. Mary's University, are helping out for the Spring Pageant.

The industrial arts and fine arts connection is pictured as Anne Zellmer's students enjoy the time and talent in their class.



Ding, ding, ding, the Bradley Wood West Men in St. Louis agains defend the crown as Jacobus Murren holds it the trophy.



Making sure that the upcoming event the school club practices on stage to hear what their performance will sound like.



Members of the KIDS Snowboard team are Dustin Smith, Michael Vaughn, and Rebecca Pratt; and in back are Jeremy Williamson, John Lundberg, Mark Brownson, Brandon Norfield, and Nick Eganoff; winners Northbrook "The Bowl" for their spring carnival.



In the photo to the left, Jon Mikula, Ann Jassop, and Cassie Frantz show off their artistic skills via their art project, a quilt done while working with Alameda Elementary students.

Putting some effort into it

Sophomore Brett Koebke does some serious weightlifting during Mr. Meek's advanced P.E. class.

Doubling it up

In the right center photo, freshman P.E. students Amy Simmons and Breann Scheurich enjoy a match of tennis.

Leaping high

In the photo to the right, freshman Heather Brantner gets some advice on high jumping from Mrs. Messman.

Getting ready to run

In the bottom center photo, a freshman girl's P.E. class walks out to the track. The girls were able to try various running and field events.

Hitting the books

In the photo below, sophomore Carmen Blubaugh makes use of the many resources the RCHS library has to offer.



Books
Books
Books



Mrs. Dena George
Media Director/Librarian



Mr. Chris Meeks
Physical Education

Staying
fit
Having
fun



Mrs. Nancy Messman
*Health/Physical
Education*



Mrs. Judy Black
Library Assistant



Working hard

In the photo directly above, maintenance staff members Larry Black and Charles Rayburn keep our school in good working order.

Preparing the food

In the top right photo, food service staff (left to right) Deb Brownfield, Joanie Shuette, Pat Franz, Lynn Clark, Chris McElroy, Ethel Morrow, and Janet Herre prepare a lunch of pizzaburgers for the students of RCHS.

Sweeping up

In the middle photo, Darrauld Crynes puts a broom to the floor in the high school kitchen after lunch hour. The maintenance staff works hard every day to keep the school clean and neat.

Reviewing the day's tasks

In the top center photo, matron Myrtle Sullivan looks over her work in the high school laundry room.

Making the cut

In the top left photo, Joe Lindstrom mows the grass at RCHS. Mowing is a big job at the high school since the lot is rather large.

Pushing the . . . what is that thing?

In the photo above, Bill Corbin walks down the hall with one of the maintenance crews many contraptions they put to use while doing various jobs or moving objects around the high school.

Taking a break

In the left center photo, matrons Phyllis Siegrist and Bertie Blackburn take a break to smile for the camera while tidying Mr. Oates' room after school. For this job they should get the Nobel Peace Prize.

Only 1,200 more laps left to go. . .

Anne Webb proves you can do anything if you put your mind to it. Or at least you can swim well enough to pass Freshman P.E. You go girl!

Hey teach, sup?

Awww... is this a Kodak moment or what? Jill Clouse sits with her favorite SRT teacher, Mr. Meeks.



TOP 5 THINGS FRESHMEN ENJOY MOST ABOUT RCHS

#1 · TEACHERS

"They give you more freedom."

Monica Johnson

#2 · FREEDOM

"I feel freer than I did in middle school."

Michael Vaughn

#3 · FRIENDS

"...so I come to school every day."

Adam Morrical

#4 · SPORTS

"They're fun and exciting."

Jeanna Pitstick

#5 · GIRLS/GUYS

"...it (they) make everything better."

Josh Timberlake

SMORE '99



Ranch dressing: not just for salad anymore

Smore Night is the most remembered evening of many freshmen. In this photo Janell Nagel advertises her switch from Head and Shoulders to Ranch dressing or something that resembles Ranch dressing.

Smelly food brings us all a little closer

From left to right, Chad Nagel, Richard Rodriguez, Shane Tucker, and Beth McElroy take time from the food fight to pose for the camera.



"I've got gunk on my head"

Alicia Streitmeyer shows us those pearly whites, demonstrating her happiness with the evening's events. And with what appears to be whipped cream atop her head, you would expect a cherry or sprinkles at least.

It's a rough job, but somebody has to do it.

OFFICERS of the CLASS of '03

*Say
Cheeeese*



steveMEYERS
PRESIDENT



ashleySIZEMORE
VICEPRESIDENT



analHARTWELL
SECRETARY



andyMcKIM
TREASURER



Frosh in Action

(Counterclockwise from left)
SRT, Student Resting Time.
Isn't that right Joes
(Gudeman & DelPrincipe)?
1+2=??? Amanda Warren
knows her Algebra. **P.E.**
Peeuu. The camera loves you,
Alexis Bacevic. **Just hangn'**
with da' boyz. Chad
Hammond, Matt Ellis, Adam
Schleman, and Paul Myers.
study the game film? **What's**
your pick, Jake? That's
right, Bombers by seven.





Freshmen Freshmen Freshmen

Rachel R Acuncius
Thomas W Allegrini
Natalie M Ames
Nathan J Amsler
James (Ryan) R Anderson



Nathan K Arnett
Robert Asbell
Alexis M Bacewic
Brandy L Bannister
Nichole M Battleday



Melinda J Black
Camille L Blubaugh
Dawn S Boyd
Darrel G Bradford
Kathryn A Brandenburg



Heather E Brantner
Russell J Bretzinger Jr
Mandi M Bridges
Nichole M Bufkin
Robert C Butler



Chad C Claussen
Jillian R Clouse
Lance D Crownover
Jessie M Davenport
Joseph A DelPrincipe



Doug W DeMoss
Kimberly K Deno
Michala A Des Forges
Sarah E DeWees
Annamarie L Doege



Shanna F Doege
Brandon W Douglas
Nicholas J Earnest
Matthew L Ellis
Kenneth R Fraley



Freshmen Freshmen Freshmen



Cassandra R Frampton
Aaron A Frederick
Danny L Garetto
Melissa M Gilbert
Stephanie A Goodman



Joseph E Gudeman
Chad M Hammond
Ariel P Hartwell
Sarah E Harwood
Clayton T Henady



Phillip A Henady
Clint A Hoeferlin
Brandi R Holt
Megan B Howard
Wm. (Billy) C Hubbard



Dawnya D Hurst
Sheena A Igoo
Adam L James
Chassity K James
Monica A Johnson



Mathew S Joseph
Dennis M Justice
Aaron P Klahn
Kendal S Kosta
Caylyn A Kraud



William A Kupke
Scott V Lanoue
Joshua A Lape
Chad E Liersch
Vanessa G Lowry



Scott F Luesse
Emily N Lyons
Amanda L Marlin
Ronald E Marlin
Nicole L Mason



Freshmen Freshmen Freshmen

Noreen M Mason
Ryan W Mays
Elizabeth A McElroy
Andrew M McKim
Lacie N Meeks



Ashley M Messer
Paul C Meyers
Stephen L Meyers
Abby M Miller
Darlene R Minard



Adam J Morrical
Nathan Mroczek
Chad A Nagel
Janell N Nagel
Piper H O'Brien



Cassandra E Papak
Diane M Parker
Toni M Parker
Erika L Peck
Jeanna M Pitstick



Elise C Querry
Russell C Ratcliff
Tina L Rayonec
Kristy N Reed
Jeremy R Rodibaugh



Richard Rodriguez
Courtney A Rush
Steven R Rusher
Brett Sanders
Anna E Sayers



Landon J Sayler
Breann M Scheurich
Adam W Schleman
Erin M Schmiedel
Eric N Schrombeck



Freshmen Freshmen Freshmen



Ashley N Schultz
Patrick J Shanley
Kevin R Shide
Amy A Simmons
Ashley E Sizemore



Kristen M Smith
Kaila Snyder
Amanda L Stath
Alicia A Streitmatter
Jamie N Tanis



Jacob R Taulman
Crystal D Thomas
Joshua D Timberlake
Shane T Tucker
Amber R Turner



Kelly Turner
Nathan D VanHouten
Michael P Vaughn
Adam S Waibel
Lori A Walter



Amanda M Warren
Ann M Webb
Bradley R White
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"The Boy Next Door"...

Smitten with love, Esther Smith (played by Jessica Mercer) sings of her love for the clueless neighbor boy John Truitt, Andy Earnest.



"I was drunk last night Dear Mother"...

The youngest member of the Smith family, Tootie, (played by Rhi Hartwell) sings her favorite song for the guests at Lon's going away party.



You must be the new boy in town...

John Truitt (played by Andy Earnest) is the new boy meeting Eve (Millie Waling) and her date Lon (Dustin Smith) at Lon's going away party.

Clang! Clang! Clang!

The Chorus enjoys a trolley ride to the fairgrounds while singing the "The Trolley Song".



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**All in the family,
Smith that is...**

In the photo to the left the Smith family discusses arrangements for dinner. In the photo on top Warren (Ian Querry) sings praises to his love Rose (Carmen Blubaugh).

**If you like-a-me like I
like-a-you...**

Esther, Tootie, and Agnes (Jessica Mercer, Rhi Hartwell, and Megan Casey) perform the cakewalk for the guests at Lon's party.

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Slip-n-Slide

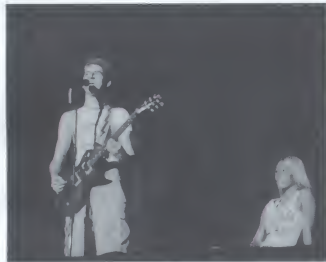
To the near right, freshman Jamie Tanis slides under the bales of hay and down the jello filled slip-n-slide to finish her leg of the race.

A Little Off Balance

To the far right, the sophomore obstacle team wobbles to a third place finish.

Rejected Again?!

Below, the senior major act sings of lack of finesse with blond haired, blue eyed women.



Juniors Win Funfest 2000

While not having many overall first place finishes, enthusiastic participation in the events like tire bowling, twister, ping pong, eachre, mashball, and Guesstures allowed the junior class to slide smoothly into first, much to the chagrin of the seniors.

Fun-n-Games



Shaking her Hips

Senior Erin Kosta moves through the obstacle course where she stops to swivel her body and groove with the hoola hoop.

Hang On for Dear Life

Freshman Scott Luesse lets go of the rope as he hopelessly heads into the kiddie pool during a challenging game of tug-o-war.



Funfest Memories

Preparing for Defeat

Mrs. Heather Heinig, Mr. Dan Kellow, and Mrs. Jill Henady strategize how to salvage their reputation as they prepare to face off against the seniors in the obstacle course.

Making a Splash

Enthusiastically wet junior Josh Jones takes a splash for the class of 2001 after they suffered humiliating defeat at the hands of the sophomores during the tug-o-war.

Funfest 2000

Students enjoy another year of "fun and sun" as the annual Funfest turns out to be a success. Students particularly like having a shorter school day and the opportunity to goof-off and doing what they like best, socializing!



Left foot blue

To the far left, several participants get twisted up.

Go Fish

A serious game of cards is played among friends.



Against the Clock

Directly above, junior Eric Nystrom speeds through the obstacle course to help win a second place finish for the class of 2001.

Left-Right-Left

To the left Cory Spurgeon, Michelle Kiger, Jon Tiede, Tara Burman, Randi Raff, and Michael Greene move in sync with their feet strapped on to the skis rushing to cross the finish line.

Moofa Poofa

To the left, Josh Timberlake hefts the large intertube through the cones, before teaming up with his partner to score a basket.

Singing their hearts out

Top right, Mark Brouwer, Brandon Hatfield, and Eric Nagel wow the crowd with their singing skills.

You want a piece of this?

Elliott Zimmer prepares to take a chunk out of his opponents during the "Gladiator" tournament at After Prom. This was one of the many games that students really enjoyed at After Prom.

This song goes out to you

In the photo directly below, seniors Mark Brouwer and Eric Nagel sing to the crowd at After Prom. They were one of the many that sang to the crowd with karaoke, no matter how good or bad their singing skills were.



It's Electric!

Danelle Nagel, Alicia Standish, and Misty DeMoss do the "Electric Slide" at After Prom.

Taking a break

Matt Lovely, Danelle Nagel, and Alicia Standish take a break from working up a sweat at After Prom.

Barbershop Quartet

Kevin Zacher, Ryan Standish, Chris Scheckel, and Eric Nagel do a rendition of a Queen song.

For You I Will

The theme for the first prom of the millenium was "For You I Will," a song by Monica. There was swing dancing, break dancing, and many other kinds by the diverse crowd.

Aw! How Cute!

Juniors Allison Moore and Mike Greene pose for a picture before returning to serious dancing.



Go, baby, Go! Alicia Standish and her date, dance to a swingin' song like "Zoot Suit Riot."



King and his queen

Picked by their fellow classmates, Lindsey Jefferies and Ryan Standish became the 2000 Prom King and Queen.



Are You Talking To Me?

Laura Brown and Pat Williams get into a discussion about which songs are best for prom.

Dance the Night Away

Below, Shannon Lakin and her date, Alan James, dance to one of the slow songs.



Do a little dance

Above, Carmen Blubaugh and Rhiannon Hartwell get groovy at prom.

Walking the strip

In the above left photo, Kara Tiede, Kevin Gillespie, Tara Wood, and Todd Tillota stop for a picture before going on with the Grand March. Above right, Ashley Streitmatter and Steve Dumas are one of the many couples walking around and showing off their attire.



Farewell Class of 2000



Their last day together

Before commencement the seniors gathered in the auditorium, full of excitement and bearing smiles. Their last day at RCHS was June 4, 2000, and then the real world ...



Seniors in black

Although each senior was dressed alike, many found ways to display their individuality, especially on the tops of their caps. Everything from frogs, messages to mom and dad, and even Mickey Mouse ears rode above.

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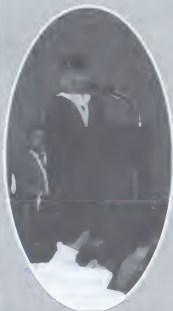
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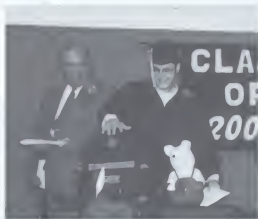
Here come the grads!

Mark Brouwer, Kelli Bridges, and Andy Blasky wait for their classmates to fill their row before sitting. Coming up the lane are Kyle Curtis and Amber Baggerly, both are all smiles. After commencement, Eric Nagel leads everyone in the opening prayer, blessing everyone's future goals and travels. After the Salutatorian speech, student body president Lindsay Jeffries addresses the graduates.



First in line

(Photos - top two from near right) Proudly accepting the first diploma in his class, Mike Aichner also had the honor of unveiling two "gifts" for Dr. Ryan and Mr. Day. These included a ceramic piggy bank which they filled with the new dollar coins, and an Eastport backpack stuffed with kleenex and toilet paper. Charlie Swartzell shakes Mr. Day's hand as he accepts his diploma. (bottom) After receiving hers, Kelli Bridges adds her contributions to the gifts. And Nicole Howell is all smiles as she crosses the platform.





Turn those tassels!

After receiving their diplomas, all seniors returned to their seats, waiting for the moment when they would be declared graduates of the class of 2000. Finally, Superintendent Mitch Ockermann made his declaration giving the cue for all to turn those tassels, as seen in the photo below. Chris Yenna, Kenny Wright, Selina Peterson, and Ryan Standish enjoy the celebration to the left.

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Total chaos!

The new graduates unleash toilet paper, silly string, and confetti, while horns and other noise makers blare away. After a few minutes of celebration, all was quiet again and a closing prayer was lead by Amber Luzadder. Many seniors, such as Amanda Robbins (above center), were left covered in silly string and other messy junk. As Morgan Kieper wipes away her tears to the right, she leaves the RCHS gym for the last time as a student, followed by the rest of the class of 2000.



Megan Elizabeth Casey
Class of 2000

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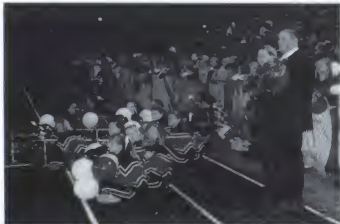
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World News



As part of Rome's continuing restoration, the city unveils a plan to create an 18,000-square-yard rambling space connecting the Imperial Forums with the Roman Forum.

In September, more than 300,000 Japanese are checked for radiation exposure after an inadvertent nuclear reaction at a uranium processing plant.



EgyptAir Flight 990 crashes into the Atlantic Ocean on October 31, killing all 217 people on board. Although suspicious actions of a pilot are under scrutiny by American and Egyptian officials, the cause of the crash remains a mystery.



On October 12, the world's official population hits 6 billion. The designated 6 billionth human is a baby boy born in Sarajevo.



In an October coup, the Pakistani army dismisses elected Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and his government after Sharif announces the removal of his powerful military chief, General Pervez Musharraf.



Nearly a million ethnic Albanians flee Yugoslavia and thousands are killed after Serbs begin a violent ethnic cleansing campaign in 1998. Seventy-eight days of NATO bombing bring the war to an end in June. An international tribunal later charges Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic with crimes against humanity.

Flash

Britain's Prince Edward marries longtime girlfriend Sophie Rhys-Jones on June 19.

Cuban Elian Gonzalez, 6, becomes the center of a bitter citizenship debate after surviving a November boat wreck off the Florida coast in which his mother dies.



In a violent October coup, gunmen storm the Armenian Parliament and assassinate Prime Minister Vazgen Sarkisian and six other top officials.



In India, two trains collide head-on in August, killing 285 people and injuring more than 300. It is one of the worst train disasters in the country's history.

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In June, Thabo Mbeki succeeds President Nelson Mandela, South Africa's first democratically elected president.



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Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper" is unveiled in June after 21 years of restoration. The centimeter-by-centimeter rehabilitation cost \$7.7 million and involved electronic microscopes.



After almost nine years in power, Russian President Boris Yeltsin announces his resignation in January 2000. Yeltsin names Prime Minister Vladimir Putin acting president pending elections in March.



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In September and October, powerful earthquakes strike around the globe, killing 15,000 people in Turkey, 1,450 in Taiwan and at least 122 in Greece.



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In September, Russia begins a military campaign against Chechen nationalists to regain control of the breakaway republic. More than 200,000 people flee the region, but a fierce rebel resistance stays to fight for control of the capital, Grozny.



Associated Press/Corbis Outage

Archaeologists excavate 105 mummies in a 2,000-year-old underground Egyptian tomb believed to contain a total of 10,000 mummies. The necropolis will shed new light on the Greco-Roman era and will allow scholars to chart demographic data and the incidence of disease.



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Flash

A tropical depression producing heavy rain hits Mexico in November. The resulting floods kill more than 350 people and cause 100,000 to evacuate.

In August, the U.S. pays \$4.5 million to victims of NATO's accidental bombing of the Chinese embassy in Belgrade. Three Chinese are killed and 27 are wounded in the May 1999 bombing.



AP/Wide World Photos

On December 31, the U.S. returns control of the Panama Canal to Panama. Opened to the world in 1914, the canal is considered one of the greatest construction achievements in American history.



AP/Wide World Photos

In December, torrential rains cause Venezuela's worst natural disaster of the century. Mudslides and flash floods kill up to 30,000 people, while damage estimates run into the billions of dollars.

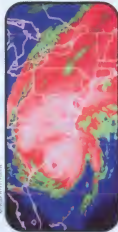
2000

National News



In July, John F. Kennedy Jr., 38, his wife, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, 33, and her sister, Lauren Bessette, 34, die in an airplane crash in the Atlantic Ocean near Martha's Vineyard. Kennedy, a relatively inexperienced pilot, is believed to have become disoriented in heavy fog.

Hurricane Floyd strikes the East Coast in September, killing 51 people and destroying over 4,000 homes. North Carolina is hardest hit with total damages estimated at a record \$6 billion.



Cartoonist Charles M. Schulz retires in January 2000, bringing an end to PEANUTS, America's most popular comic strip for almost 50 years. Schulz dies in February, the night before his last strip runs in the national newspapers.



As a way to boost tourism, Chicago displays 301 life-size, fiberglass cows decorated by local artists. The public art exhibit lasts all summer until the cows are auctioned for charity.



The drought of 1999 causes severe damage to Northeastern and mid-Atlantic farms. Several states impose mandatory water use restrictions and emergency federal loans are made available in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Ohio, Virginia and West Virginia.



Lewis and Clark's Native American guide Sacagawea is featured on a new gold-colored dollar coin released into circulation in early 2000.



Beginning in 1999, the U.S. Mint releases specially designed state quarters, the first five representing Connecticut, Georgia, Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. By 2000, each state will have its own quarter.

Flash

In August, a rare tornado strikes downtown Salt Lake City. Winds up to 112 miles per hour make it Utah's second-worst tornado in history.

In July, Air Force Colonel Eileen Collins, 42, becomes the first woman to command a U.S. space shuttle mission.



President Clinton announces the removal of the American bald eagle from the endangered species list. In 1999, there are over 5,800 breeding pairs, an increase from 417 in 1963.



In November, a 60-foot log tower collapses at Texas A&M University, killing 12 students and injuring 27. The tower was to be burned at a traditional bonfire pep rally.

1999



Reuters/BlackStar/John P. Young

In November, protesters at the World Trade Organization (WTO) summit in Seattle provoke a show of force by local, state and federal officers. Protesters blame the WTO for eroding human rights and labor and environmental standards.



Ben Givens/Sci. Daily/PhotoDisc/Juan P. Young

In August, a female panda is born at the San Diego Zoo. Hua Mei, which can mean "China USA" or "Splendid Beauty," is the first panda born in the Western Hemisphere in nearly a decade.



1-800-4MYTEEN

A bumper sticker invites drivers to call a toll-free number to report reckless driving. Officials hope the system will help parents stay informed about their teenagers' driving habits.

On April 20, 1999, the nation mourns after two students go on a shooting rampage at Columbine High School in Colorado, wounding 23 and killing 15, including themselves. Schools across the country take extensive security measures to ensure the safety of students and staff.



AP/Wide World



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An epidemic of rampage shootings intensifies America's growing concern over gun control. Many state legislatures pass new gun-control measures despite nationwide controversy over restrictions vs. Second Amendment rights.

In an effort to ease the burden on the traditional courts, most states now offer teen court for juvenile offenders. After determining guilt, a jury of teens along with a judge decides the sentence, typically community service and financial restitution.



Associated Press

Despite 30 years of official denial, in December a jury finds the assassination of Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. was the result of a conspiracy, not the act of a lone gunman.



AP/Wide World

Flash

In the first such admission by a cigarette manufacturer, Philip Morris publicly concedes tobacco is addictive and can cause serious diseases.

Hillary Clinton announces her candidacy for a U.S. Senate seat from New York. As law requires, Clinton establishes New York residency in suburban Chappaqua.



Associated Press/PhotoDisc/John P. Young

In September, Microsoft Corp. Chairman Bill Gates and his wife Melinda announce the creation of the Gates Millennium Scholars Program. The Gateses will donate \$1 billion over the next 20 years to finance scholarships for minority college students.

2000

Science News



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- In August, NASA releases photos from the Chandra X-ray orbiting telescope of a hot cloud of gas from a star that exploded more than three centuries ago. The telescope took 23 years and \$1 billion to develop.



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- The Java Ring contains a computer chip providing electronic access into buildings for students. Eventually the ring could be used as a library card, digital wallet, electronic ID and authentication for students' online homework.

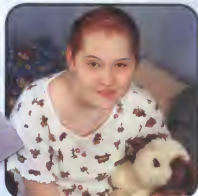


- FeeliT technology allows users to experience computer technology through their mouse. Users can "feel" buttons, text, the weight of a stuffed desktop folder and the groove of a scroll bar.



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- The body of a 23,000-year-old woolly mammoth is discovered in October frozen in the Russian tundra. Study of the preserved fur, organs and soft tissue could unlock the mystery of why the species died out.



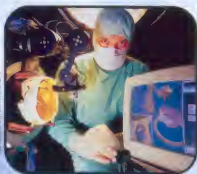
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- Fifteen-year-old Amber Ramirez undergoes surgery in which half of her brain is removed to stop the spread of a rare neurological disease. Doctors hope the remaining portion of Ramirez's brain will compensate for the removed tissue.



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- In an epilepsy treatment breakthrough, surgeons implant a "pacemaker" into the chest with a seizure-preventing nerve stimulator connected to the brain. The computer-controlled, battery-powered unit can last up to five years.



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- In August, U.S. surgeons begin using computer-enhanced robotic technology for heart bypass surgery. Because the chest cavity is never opened, this technique reduces pain and shortens recovery time.

Flash

Researchers announce in July the creation of a cancerous human cell by genetically altering a normal one. This significant breakthrough is an important step toward developing drugs that could potentially wipe out cancer.

In December, IBM announces a \$100 million research initiative to build a supercomputer 500 times more powerful than current models.



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- On August 11, the last total solar eclipse of the millennium crosses the globe. Thousands of people from Canada to India experience daytime darkness during which the moon completely covers the sun.

1999



Parents, with help from their doctor, select the gender of their baby using a technique called MicroSort, which separates X-bearing (female-determining) and Y-bearing (male-determining) sperm. The success rate is about 92 percent for females and 69 percent for males.



A new board game, *Infection*, hits stores in July. Fun and educational, players race around the board catching diseases, described in detail, and trying to be cured.

In October, Sea Launch Company, a multi-national consortium, launches the first commercial satellite into space from a floating platform in the Pacific Ocean. Boeing is a major partner in the venture, along with companies in Russia, Ukraine and Norway.



Researchers report they have successfully altered the learning and memory behavior of mice by inserting a gene into their brains. This genetic-engineering breakthrough may be helpful in treating human learning disorders and Alzheimer's disease.



Researchers at Massachusetts General Hospital reveal in July that they have successfully regenerated the central nervous system of lab rats with severed spinal cords. Applications for human paralysis treatment are very encouraging.



The jawbones of two kangaroo-sized dinosaurs are discovered in Madagascar in October. Dated to the early Triassic period, 230 million years ago, the bones could be the oldest dinosaur fossils ever found.



In October, biologists isolate one of the enzymes that sets Alzheimer's disease in motion. This scientific discovery will lead to new treatments and, possibly, a cure. Over 4 million Americans, including former President Ronald Reagan, are living with the disease.



Flash

In June, scientists announce the creation of two new elements. The nucleus of new, super-heavy element 118 decays into element 116 within a millisecond.

Scientists studying Albert Einstein's preserved brain report it has unique characteristics. The region governing mathematical ability and spatial reasoning is significantly larger than normal.



To mark the 30th anniversary of the first moon landing, astronaut Neil Armstrong's lunar footprint is featured on a 1999 postage stamp.

2000

Lifestyle News

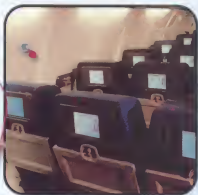


Cosmetic companies increasingly use entertainment celebrities instead of models for their advertisements. Sarah Michelle Gellar, Jennifer Love Hewitt, Jennifer Lopez and Shania Twain are among the celebs who appear in ads.



The fashion accessory of 1999 goes by many names—power beads, mood beads and prayer beads. Many sellers claim the beads boost tranquility, energy, creativity and intelligence.

Airlines begin installing elaborate in-flight entertainment systems that allow passengers to watch movies, play computer games, listen to music, read headlines or browse the Internet.



With the huge increase in cell phones, many cities enact laws restricting their use while driving. Restaurants and theaters are also requiring patrons to turn phones off as a courtesy to others.



In August, a Levi Strauss & Co. megastore opens in San Francisco. The store features a hot tub where shoppers can soak in their jeans for the perfect fit and a computer-scanning system to help customers get the right size.



A continuation of the cargo pants trend, messenger bags with pockets galore hang at the hips of teens everywhere.

Flash

In December, Honda introduces Insight, a car that combines a conventional gasoline engine with a small electric motor, decreases ozone and carbon dioxide emissions and gets 80 mpg.

Several companies offer "digital wallets" for teens who want to shop online but don't have credit cards. Parents deposit money into an online account; then teens can spend the money at designated Web sites.



Apple Computer introduces its new iBook laptop in September. The super-slim, neon-colored units follow the highly successful launch of the translucent iMac desktop.

1999



A new line of scented candles called Aromapharmacy comes in amber glass containers and looks like prescription drug bottles with creative names such as Ritalax, Crampria and Valiumello.

http://



Inline skaters can now power themselves along with the new Roller Cycle Personal Power Accelerator featuring a 1.5-hp-driven wheel. An optional spiked rubber tire for traction makes it also possible to use while cross-country skiing.



Photo: iStockphoto.com/Markus Schuler Photos



Photo: Photos.com/Markus Schuler Photos

Shawls and wraps show up everywhere in the fashion world. Hollywood celebrities like Salma Hayek sport the fashion trend in all colors and fabrics.



Photo: iStockphoto.com/Markus Schuler Photos

Wireless Web access becomes a reality in September when Sprint PCS announces the first nationwide wireless data service. Shortly thereafter, several other providers debut similar service for hand-held Web phones.



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A Gap TV advertisement for vests starts a trend across America that has teenagers wearing the fashionable sleeveless jackets.

Several rappers start their own clothing lines, making hip-hop wear big business. Popular artist labels include FUBU, Roc-A-Wear, Phat Farm, Wu Wear, Sean John and X-Large.



Photo: iStockphoto.com/Markus Schuler Photos

Stretchy nylon jewelry that looks like skin tattoos is a big hit in 1999. The nylon bands are worn around necks, wrists, arms and ankles, and come in several colors.



Photo: iStockphoto.com/Markus Schuler Photos

Magellan, a satellite navigation system for motorists, offers complete U.S. mapping data, voice and visual instructions in seven languages, turn-by-turn directions and a library of points of interest.

Flash

Teenagers need an average of nine hours and 15 minutes of sleep a night, according to research at Brown University's Bradley Hospital. The study also shows a direct correlation between school grades and duration of sleep.

An influx of dot-com companies advertise on television. Ads during the Super Bowl sell for an average of \$2.2 million per 30-second commercial.

2000



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A growing number of U.S. school cafeterias offer pruneburgers, a healthy low-fat combination of hamburger and prune puree. Other prune items in the works include hot dogs, pizza sauce, barbecue sauce and gingerbread cookies.

Entertainment News



◆ *The Sixth Sense* with Bruce Willis and Haley Joel Osment is the No. 1 box office hit for five consecutive weekends in the summer.



◆ Video game fans snap up a record 15,000 copies of Sega's highly anticipated Dreamcast system in the first 24 hours after its launch in September.



◆ ABC's summer fill-in quiz show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," with host Regis Philbin, returns in November and is a huge hit with viewers. By January 2000, several major networks launch quiz shows of their own.

◆ After 19 nominations, Susan Lucci finally wins an Emmy Award for best actress in a daytime drama series for her role as Erica Kane on the ABC soap opera "All My Children."



◆ *The Blair Witch Project*, the year's surprise movie hit, is the documentary-style footage of three students lost in the Maryland woods and threatened by the presumed Blair Witch. The film costs \$100,000 to make and grosses \$140 million.



◆ Launched in January 1999, MTV's "The Tom Green Show" becomes one of the season's most popular shows. The Canadian host's bizarre man-on-the-street pranks are the show's main attraction.

Flash

Tom Hanks and Tim Allen return as the voices of Woody and Buzz Lightyear in the animated feature *Toy Story 2*. The sequel breaks box-office records during its Thanksgiving release and wins a Golden Globe award.

In a botched stunt, WWF wrestler Owen Hart falls from the rafters at Kemper Arena and dies in front of 16,300 fans.



◆ In June, Mike Myers' sequel *Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me* proves to be a bigger hit than the 1997 original. Dr. Evil's alter ego Mini-Me is extremely popular even though he has no lines.



◆ Jennifer Love Hewitt leaves "Party of Five" to star in her own Fox television drama, "Time of Your Life." The show focuses on Hewitt's character trying to make it in New York while searching for her biological father.

1999



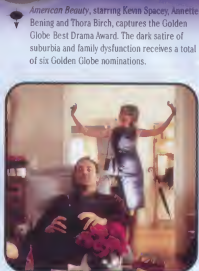
Electronic Arts Inc.

The new arcade game *Guitar Freaks* features two guitar controllers and a screen to help players follow along to popular songs.



Michael Ochs

In December, actor Jim Carrey portrays zany comedian Andy Kaufman in *Man on the Moon*. Carrey wins a Golden Globe award for his performance.



Photofest

American Beauty, starring Kevin Spacey, Annette Bening and Thora Birch, captures the Golden Globe Best Drama Award. The dark satire of suburbia and family dysfunction receives a total of six Golden Globe nominations.



Photofest



ABC

Set in 1980, the critically acclaimed NBC show *"Freaky and Geeks"* follows two groups of teens trying to make their way through high school.

The long-awaited prequel *Star Wars: Episode I The Phantom Menace* hits theaters in May 1999, taking in a record-breaking \$28.5 million on its opening day and going on to gross more than \$420 million.



Six Flags Great Escape

Medusa, the world's first floorless roller coaster, opens in August at Six Flags Great Adventure in New Jersey. The 4,000-foot, toe-dangling ride has enough drops, loops, rolls and corkscrews to thrill every rider.



Worldwide World of Fun

In September, the New Roc City entertainment center opens in New York. The complex includes an amusement park ride on the roof, two skating rinks, 19 movie screens, restaurants, an arcade, a health club, a supermarket and a hotel.

Flash

Michael J. Fox announces in January 2000 he will leave the popular ABC sitcom *"Spin City"* at the end of the season to promote awareness of Parkinson's disease in hopes of finding a cure.

After 10 seasons, Fox cancels the hit show *"Beverly Hills, 90210."* The show followed characters through high school, college and careers.



The Everett Collection

The Talented Mr. Ripley, starring Matt Damon, Gwyneth Paltrow, Jude Law and Cate Blanchett, opens in December and earns popular and critical praise.

2000

Music News



Samuel Ochoa / PhotoDisc Photos

Released in June, Santana's *Supernatural* shoots up the *Billboard* album chart, sells over 6 million copies, and earns 10 Grammy nominations.

Britney Spears' album *...Baby One More Time* is the second-best-selling album of 1999, earning Spears the *Billboard* Music Awards Female and New Artist of the Year Awards.



AP/Wide World Photos

U.S. sales of music by Latin artists shoot up 48 percent in the first quarter of 1999 thanks to artists such as Ricky Martin, Jennifer Lopez, Enrique Iglesias and Marc Anthony.



Superstar Mariah Carey releases *Rainbow* in November and begins a world tour in February 2000. Carey is named *Billboard* Music Awards Artist of the Decade and is awarded the distinguished American Music Award of Achievement.



AP/Wide World Photos/Laura Raab

Saturday Night Live: The Musical Performances Volumes 1 and 2 are released in September. The CDs feature 30 of the 600 musical acts that have appeared on SNL over the past 25 years.



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Limp Bizkit leads the way in the resurgence of rock music, along with Kid Rock and Korn. In September, MTV showcases the trend by airing "1999: Return of the Rock," which examines the history and future of rock music.

Flash

Sheryl Crow, Eric Clapton and the Dixie Chicks are a few musicians who rock Central Park in a first-ever trimulcast concert seen and heard on the radio, television and Internet.

More than 1 million viewers tune in each weekday to vote on their favorite videos on MTV's "Total Request Live" with host Carson Daly and popular musical guests.



Computer games feature big music stars on their soundtracks. Sheryl Crow contributes her talent to the *Tomorrow Never Dies* soundtrack, Metallica to *Hot Wheels Turbo Racing* and Naughty by Nature to *NBA Live 2000*.



Carlino Longo

Backstreet Boys' *Millennium* wins the *Billboard* Music Awards Album of the Year and becomes the best-selling album of the year with over 10 million copies sold.

1999



Photo: David Laundy/Photo Disc

In a strange twist, Garth Brooks releases the album *The Life of Chris Gaines* in which he pretends to be a fictional rock star. Gaines will be the main character in a movie called *The Lamb*, currently in development.



Photo: Michael Ochs

Lon Bega's rhythmic "Mambo No. 5" hits the Top 40 in August after selling 2 million copies overseas and topping the chart in 15 countries.



MP3, technology that compresses sound into a very small file, becomes a popular alternative to the CD. MP3 files are downloaded from the Internet onto computers or portable player units, making it possible to take a personal music selection anywhere.

VH1's "Concert of the Century" spotlights the importance of music education in schools. The all-star show includes Lenny Kravitz, Sheryl Crow, Eric Clapton and B.B. King, as well as high-profile actors.

"NetAid," a concert dedicated to relieve hunger and poverty, airs live in October on MTV, VH1, the BBC, as well as radio stations in 120 nations, making it the widest-heard musical performance in history.



Photo: Michael Ochs



Photo: World Photos

Shania Twain becomes the first woman since 1986 to win the Country Music Association's Entertainer of the Year Award at the 33rd annual awards show.



Photo: Michael Ochs

Flash

After a successful New Year's Eve reunion performance, the Judds begin their first tour in almost 10 years in February 2000. Since they disbanded in 1991, Naomi has recovered from Hepatitis C.

Best New Artist Grammy nominee Christina Aguilera gives an exciting performance during the Super Bowl XXXIV halftime show.



Photo: David Laundy

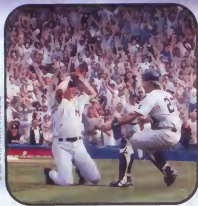


Fiona Apple releases her long-awaited second album to rave reviews in November and begins a tour in February 2000. The album features a 90-word title, which is commonly shortened to *When the Pawn*.

Ricky Martin takes the music industry by storm after his show-stopping performance at the 1999 Grammy Awards show. Martin's first chart-topping single, "Livin' la Vida Loca," helps him win the *Billboard* Music Award for Male Artist of the Year.

2000

Sports News

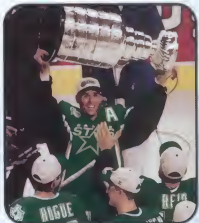


David Cone of the New York Yankees pitches a perfect game against the Montreal Expos in July. Cone's feat is the 14th perfect game in modern baseball history.

Lance Armstrong won the 1999 Tour de France in July. Armstrong, who survived a three-year battle with testicular cancer, becomes the second American to win the event.



The Dallas Stars beat the Buffalo Sabres 2-1 in triple overtime to win the 1999 Stanley Cup championship, four games to two.



Golf champion Payne Stewart is killed in a bizarre airplane accident in October. After the airplane's takeoff from Florida, an apparent loss of cabin pressure incapacitates everyone aboard. The aircraft flies on autopilot for four hours until it runs out of fuel and crashes in South Dakota.



The St. Louis Rams stop the Tennessee Titans at the 1-yard line on a final play to save their 23-16 Super Bowl XXXIV victory.



In September, tennis phenom Serena Williams, 17, overpowers Martina Hingis to win the 1999 U.S. Open title.



The Houston Comets earn their third straight WNBA championship in September, beating the New York Liberty 59-47 to win in three straight games.

Flash

Both Detroit Lions running back Barry Sanders and German tennis star Steffi Graf announce their retirement in 1999.

On February 7, 2000, Tiger Woods wins his sixth consecutive PGA Tour event, tying Ben Hogan's 1948 winning record.



Dale Jarrett wins the 1999 NASCAR Winston Cup championship after a four-victory season.

1999



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◆ In July, the U.S. women's soccer team wins the 1999 World Cup by beating China 5-4 in penalty kicks following a 0-0 tie. More than 90,000 fans attend at the Rose Bowl and another 40 million watch on television.



AP/Wide World Photos/Chuck Trevis



AP/Wide World Photos

◆ Travis Fastrana, 15, wins the gold medal in the X Games' inaugural Moto X freestyle motocross event. The fifth year of this ESPN-sponsored competition is held in San Francisco in June and July.



◆ The New York Yankees win the 1999 World Series in a four-game sweep against the Atlanta Braves.

Flash

In July, many major league baseball umpires announce their resignation as a labor protest. The strategy backfires when owners accept the resignations and in September, 22 umpires lose their jobs.

In January 2000, Michael Jordan returns to pro basketball as part owner and President for Basketball Operations of the NBA's Washington Wizards.



AP/Wide World Photos

◆ The U.S. team beats the European team to win golf's Ryder Cup at Brookline, Massachusetts, in September. The American's stirring comeback is marred by unruly galleries and a premature victory celebration.

2000

◆ Andre Agassi wins the French Open in June and becomes the fifth man ever to complete a career Grand Slam. Agassi goes on to win the U.S. Open in September.



AP/Wide World Photos

◆ In June, the San Antonio Spurs win their first NBA championship by defeating the New York Knicks four games to one.



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◆ Twenty-year professional hockey veteran Wayne Gretzky announces his retirement in April 1999 after setting or tying 61 records. Two months later, "The Great One" is inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame.

Millennium



◆ Clock Tower
Ottawa, Canada

◆ Pyramids
Cairo, Egypt

◆ Times Square
New York City,
New York



As time zones welcome the new millennium on January 1, the world celebrates with grandeur, pageantry and spectacular fireworks. President Clinton gives a hopeful speech in the minutes before midnight at the Washington Monument, and 2 million people gather in Times Square to watch the specially built 1,000-pound Waterford crystal ball drop at midnight.



◆ Space Needle
Seattle, Washington

◆ The Eiffel Tower
Paris, France



Flash

The public and private sectors spend hundreds of millions of dollars to ward off the Y2K bug. The world lets out a sigh of relief after midnight strikes and no major computer malfunctions occur.

The FBI warns of possible terrorist acts on New Year's Eve and stays on national alert throughout the celebration. After the arrest of one man with bomb-making materials, Seattle decides to cancel its Space Needle celebration.



◆ Fearing the collapse of the world's banks, utilities and transportation systems, thousands of people stock up on food, water, money, ammunition and generators. After midnight, it soon becomes apparent that the preparations were unnecessary.



◆ A surprising number of people, appalled by the exorbitant costs of travel and events, decide to stay home on New Year's Eve. Many companies and performers drastically slash prices as a last-minute lure.

1999

The first part of the paper discusses the importance of the research and the objectives of the study. It then proceeds to a literature review, followed by a description of the methodology used. The results of the study are presented in the next section, followed by a discussion of the findings and their implications. The paper concludes with a summary of the main points and a list of references.

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